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COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES WELL PLANNED

"PROPAGANDA IS IN FIRST-CLASS HANDS"

Rear-Admiral Woodward Makes Statement

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Quantico, Virginia, To-day.

An assertion that Communist propaganda, directed by first-class brains, was being spread in the United States Navy was made yesterday by Rear-Admiral Clark H. Woodward, ex-personal representative of ex-President Hoover in Nicaragua.

Addressing the officers' mess in the marine barracks here, he said that Communist activities in the navy began in 1930 and were now expediting well organized, trained agitators constantly following the movements of the ships. — Reuter.

HEAVY INDUSTRY'S RECOVERY

Remarkable Growth In Britain

CONTINUED IMPROVEMENT IN 1933 AND 1934

London, To-day.

A big advance during 1934 in heavy industry is revealed by the Director of the British Iron and Steel Federation, Sir William Larke.

Steel production totalled approximately 9,000,000 tons, representing an increase of 30 per cent. over 1933 and pig-iron 6,000,000 tons, an increase of 35 per cent.

British exports of iron and steel were proportionately higher, rising from 1,920,000 tons to 2,250,000 tons.

The comparisons are the more striking in that 1933 showed an increase of 33 per cent. in steel and 15 per cent. in pig-iron over the figures for the previous year.

Employment on blast furnaces, iron and steel rolling, tube manufacture, and general engineering has improved notably in recent months. — British Wireless Service.

RADIO LICENCES IN BRITAIN

Over 800,000 Increase During Year

London, to-day.

An exceptionally large increase in the number of wireless licences took place last month, when approximately 899,380 were issued.



President Roosevelt acts as host to governors of Southern states at a relief conference at the "Little White House" in Warm Springs, Ga. Front is Gov. elect Olin Johnston of South Carolina. Others (left to right), Lieut. Gov. Graham of North Carolina, Gov. elect Bibb Graves of Alabama, and Gov. Dave Scholtz of Florida. Governors Talmadge of Georgia, and Blackwood of South Carolina also attended.

JAPANESE POLICIES TO BE PROBED IN U.S.

TEXTILE MARKET "SEIZURES"

FISH TO DISCLOSE FACTS

Washington, To-day.

An inquiry into Japan's military and commercial policies is forecast by two Congressional quarters.

Senator William H. King, Democrat, stated that he was conferring with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, shortly on the former's resolution to have the Foreign Relations Commission hold hearing on Japan's policy in Manchuria and on the reports of the fortification of islands in the South Pacific previously owned by Germany and now mandated to Japan.

Representative Hamilton Fish, Republican, said he would disclose the facts of the Japanese "seizure" of the American textiles markets in the Philippines and Latin America. — Reuter.

H.K.V.D.C. COMMISSIONS

Commissions for service with the Railway Operating Detachment, Cadre of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from January 1, last, have been granted to the following: — Mr. Reginald David Walker, M. C., as Major; Mr. Ivan Bernard Trevor, as Captain; Mr. James Smith, as Lieutenant; and Mr. Arthur Edward Perry, as Lieutenant.

WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy weather generally, with probably some drizzle or light rain, and fresh north-east winds, was the weather forecast for to-day, as issued by the Royal Observatory this morning.

Fierce Skirmish At Linshan Before Communists Retreat

Canton, To-day.

The 13th Regiment and the 16th Regiment of the 5th Division, which is to organize the vanguard of the Kwangtung 2nd Army Corps which will be despatched to Kwangchow to pursue the retreating Communist bandits, arrived here last night and will be despatched to the west this morning. A number of tanks and towboats chartered to convey the pursuing armies have been concentrated at Huanggang.

ACCUSED'S ALLEGED MOVEMENTS

DRINKING COFFEE IN BRONX RESTAURANT

MYSTERIOUS MEN IN BLACK CAR MEET VIOLET SHARPE

New York, To-day.

The "New York Mirror" states that a new witness for the defence in the Hauptmann case has been found, namely, Walter Manley, a painter, who is alleged to have confirmed Mrs. Hauptmann's statement that Hauptmann was drinking coffee in a Bronx restaurant on the night of the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby.

In contrast to the previous days, yesterday's proceedings in the Fleming court-house were for the most part extremely dull. The jurors yawned and fidgeted during the evidence of Detective Wilson and the handwriting experts.

Mr. Albert Osborn, the white-haired septuagenarian expert, temporarily roused the jurors.

"SPEAKING IN A LOUD, BOOMING VOICE, DUE TO DEAFNESS, HE OPINED THAT HAUPTMANN WROTE ALL THE RANSOM NOTES. HE PRODUCED HUGE PHOTOGRAPHIC CHARTS, PINNED THEM TO THE WALLS AND LECTURED THE JURY ON THE INTRICACIES OF LATIN, GERMAN AND OTHER SCRIPTS."

LATER, AS MR. OSBORN BECAME UNWELL, THE COURT ADJOURNED TILL MONDAY. — REUTER.

SENSATION CAUSED IN U.S. SUPREME COURT

Chief Justice's Challenge To Attorney-General

NORMAN CASE JUDGMENT NEXT MONTH

Washington, To-day.

With the keystone of the "New Deal" monetary policies at stake, arguments were completed yesterday in the Norman case, brought against the Baltimore and Ohio Railway Corporation, to compel them to honour the "gold clause" in their bonds.

Mr. Homer S. Cummings, the United States Attorney-General, appealed to the judges to keep the case open in the event of the Government not furnishing all the information desired.

The Chief Justice, Mr. Charles E. Hughes, startled the Court when, referring to the Liberty Bond, by which the Government agreed to pay in a certain kind of money, he asked Mr. Cummings: "Where do you find any power under that bond, or power of Congress, to change that promise?"

The decision is not likely to be given before February. — Reuter.

LOCAL DOLLAR STEADY

Silver Prices Decline

The local dollar remains steady, opening on demand at 1/8 8-4.

Spot and forward silver prices declined 1/16, being quoted at 24 7/16 and 24 9/16, respectively.

The London on New York cross-rate was quoted at \$-U.S.\$4.913, as compared with \$-U.S.\$4.913.

The New York on London rate was quoted at \$-U.S.\$4.906, as compared with \$-U.S.\$4.913.

H.M.S. BERWICK ARRIVES FROM SINGAPORE

H.M.S. Berwick, of the Fifth Cruiser Squadron, which has been recommissioned for further service on the China Station, arrived in Hong Kong this morning from Singapore. She recently took part in the combined exercises with the Army and Navy at Singapore.

Blind since he was 14, W. C. Germain, now 26, is entering on a legal career in New York after having been graduated from Columbia Law School with highest honours. It took him 15 years to complete the law course, because there were no legal times in his life and he had to have every lesson read to him.



In movie style, the cameraman catches these snapshots of Mrs. Anna Hauptmann and 10-month-old Manfred, wife and son of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, indicted suspect in the Lindbergh kidnapping case, as the child plays in his crib, not knowing that he is an important figure in one of the most sensational criminal cases of the century.

RECONSTRUCTION AT HOME AND PEACE WITH HONOUR

NEW GERMANY'S 2 GREAT AIMS

APPEAL TO BRITAIN FOR UNDERSTANDING

London, To-day.

Germany's attitude to the international conventions was stated in the frankest terms last night by the German Ambassador von Hoesch at a consular banquet in Birmingham.

He declared new Germany had two great aims; reconstruction at home and peace with honour abroad. Germany desired international collaboration based on the principle of equal rights for all.

Emphasising that doubt was possibly entertained about Germany's peaceful intentions, he declared that the German wished Britain to come to a better understanding of Germany's new development.

"Despite the horrors of war," he said, "there remain indestructible and innumerable ties which will again unite us and which have proved more consistent than even the memories of deadly warfare." — Reuter.

Reich Plans For Saar

Berlin, To-day.

Forecasting any League announcement an official statement says that the re-incorporation in the Reich of the Saar will be taken over in the future and united with the Palatinate under the leadership of Herr Joseph Buerger. — Reuter.

ALARMIST RUMOURS

ATTEMPT TO PREVENT PLEBISCITE

"Frightful Terrorism Rampant"

OFFICIALS ARE CONFIDENT

BRITISH TROOPS PROVIDE CAFE GOSSIP

Saarbruecken, To-day.

Alarmist rumours are circulating of an attempt to prevent the Saar Plebiscite from being carried out to-morrow and the Socialist leader Braun has appealed to the Plebiscite Commission to postpone the Plebiscite on the grounds of the alleged frightful terrorism that is rampant; but the appeal will be rejected and official quarters are confident of a peaceful conduct of the ballot.

Nevertheless, the utmost watchfulness is being maintained. For example, Nazis were yesterday forbidden to welcome thousands of voters from Germany, whom the police received and shepherded to the ballots.

The foreign troops generally are bored and anxious to return home, notably the British "Tomnies," whose quaint appraisals of life in the Saar enliven cafe chat. SAME AS SOUTHERN GIRLS.

One of them deprecated the Saar girls because they "were rigged up the same as the South-end girls two years ago."

A sergeant amusedly watching the scowls exchanged between Nazi and Elnthart Front processions as they passed one another in a snowstorm, retorted: "If they're not careful they'll be snowballing each other next."

SAAR PLEBISCITE BROADCAST

British Journalist Will Tell The World

London, To-day.

The British Broadcasting Corporation Empire Transmissions announce that a talk on the Saar Plebiscite by Mr. F. A. Voigt, the Diplomatic Correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, will be relayed from Saarbruecken in the Empire Transmissions to-morrow at 8.45 p.m. and on Monday 12 at 12.45 a.m. 10.15 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Corresponding times in Hong Kong are about eight hours later. The result of the polling will be announced in Empire Transmissions when available and repeated in the successive news bulletins. — British Wireless Service.

MAIL SCHEDULES

BROADCASTING RECEIVING LICENCES, 1935.

All Existing Licences expire on 31st December, 1934.

New Licences for 1935 will be available at the Government Radio Office, P. & O. Building, as from 1st January, 1935 and will be issued from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. against the receipt of a remittance of \$10.00.

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(c) by post.

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Pres. Hayes Jan. 18

Sowa Maru Jan. 18

Chichibu Maru Jan. 19

FROM U.S.A.

Emp. of Asia Jan. 17

Pres. Hayes Jan. 18

FROM SHANGHAI

Sinkiang Jan. 12

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Antenor Jan. 12

Conte Rosso Jan. 12

Emp. of Asia Jan. 12

Sowa Maru Jan. 12

Pres. Hayes Jan. 12

Chichibu Maru Jan. 12

FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Lyons Maru Jan. 15

Kumang Jan. 15

Torokuni Maru Jan. 15

Troilus Jan. 15

Tokiwa Maru Jan. 15

Sowa Maru Jan. 15

Pres. Hayes Jan. 15

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FROM AUSTRALIA

Kitano Maru Jan. 17

FROM MANILA

Pres. Taft Jan. 14

Kitano Maru Jan. 17

OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR EUROPE

Ranchi (via Marseilles) Jan. 12

Closes: Reg. 9.45 a.m. Ord. 10.30 a.m.

Pres. Taft Jan. 15

Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.

Emp. of Russia (via Vancouver) Jan. 15

Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.

Antenor (via Marseilles) Jan. 15

Conte Rosso (via Brindisi) Jan. 17

Closes: Reg. 3 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.

Han Ning (via Siberia) Jan. 18

FOR SHANGHAI

Jean Laborde Jan. 12

Pres. Taft Jan. 15

Emp. of Russia Jan. 15

FOR INDIA

Ranchi Jan. 12

Felix Roussel Jan. 15

FOR JAPAN

Jean Laborde Jan. 12

Pres. Taft Jan. 15

Emp. of Russia Jan. 15

The Woman's Page

CHINS MUST RECOVER THEIR STREAMLINE
INGENIOUS TREATMENTS IN THE MODERN BEAUTY SALONS

(By AUDREY WRANCHAM)



London, over the whole of the neck and under the chin while the ends of the fingers are on the back of the neck, then kneading the chin and the neck firmly for three to five minutes.

Another specialist gives her clients, whatever their age, a chin strap immediately she sees the slightest tendency to loss of streamline on the chin, and tells them to wear it not during the night but for ten minutes during the day. For a twelve-minute home treatment another beauty doctor advises pads of cotton wool soaked in astringent lotion under a chin strap, followed by skin-food, unless the skin is sensitive, when the skin food comes first.

A patter with a flexible handle is another means for eliminating the second chin, when a pad of cotton wool is dipped in a reducing lotion and fastened to the head of the instrument.

For the older woman whose chin line has begun to sag this treatment includes massage up each side of the spine and on the shoulders with an astringent of Indian oils perfumed with almonds that was first brought to this country and used by the famous cricketer "Ranji." For the younger woman with a double chin treatment is given with an astringent cream—delicate pink colour which is due to the strawberry juice—one of the finest natural astringents in the world—it contains.

Self Massage

Women who count upon their beauty appointments as a rest between engagements will appreciate the fact that this chin and neck treatment is given with the client lying flat upon a couch wrapped in pale green blankets. Self massage is easily learned by the woman who will arrange her day so that five minutes is put aside before the morning make-up and another five minutes before going out in the evening or at bed time.

The "calliper" lines from nose to mouth which are the heralds of middle age are the subject of a two-movement exercise invented by a specialist who has a different cream for the blonde, the brunette, the normal, the too-thin and the too-fat client. The massage cream must be spread over the palms and fingers of the hands as well as on the face and throat before the palms are worked upwards over the cheeks, the little fingers passing close to either side of the nose twelve times. Repeat, this movement another twelve times, bringing the palms of the hands over the sides of the cheeks up to the temples.

The problem of the woman whose chin tissues are shrinking and shrivelling, and who finds "salt cellars" instead of streamline, is another that needs a three-movement daily massage.

Loss Of Streamline

This is done with a cream containing wool fat, as well as cucumbers, first with the fingers of both hands pressing deeply the flesh of the chin towards the ears, then rotating the pads of the thumbs



THAT EMBROIDERY TOUCH

A touch of hand embroidery on both woollen and silken frocks is very smart now. Smocking and hemstitching, too, are a very great deal used.

As there are no fewer than 305 different embroidery stitches, the woman who is clever with her needle has a large variety of choice, whether her work is for the adornment of her frocks or her home furnishings.

"There is no better way of practising new stitches than by making yourself a sampler, working each stitch with care until you have perfected it. As the sampler grows it will form a record of your progress and can also be referred to for the worked effect of any stitch."

From "Mary Thomas's Dictionary of Embroidery Stitches," published by Hodder and Stoughton, Ltd., at 5s. In this book the 805 stitches are described and illustrated.

HEAT MARKS

Slight heat marks can be removed with a little linseed oil, followed by a gentle application of methylated spirit. Much can be done to eliminate scratches from wood by rubbing the part with linseed oil, and afterwards polishing with furniture cream.

In the case of mahogany or rosewood, a bad scratch can be darkened with a solution of potassium permanganate, and then rubbed with oil and polished.

THE SLIT SKIRT

The slit skirt is as inevitable as winter furs or summer sunshades. It is an obsession with designers. Feather toques and heavy gauntlet gloves, velour hats and wide canopy veils, are vanities for the woman about town whose handbag is a new narrow, high square shape, very deep and surprising looking, and very plain.

The Latest Beauty Aid

The latest beauty aid is an extraordinary contraption that looks like a fencing vizor and costs half-a-guinea.

But you will not condemn it as "ridiculous" when you hear how useful it is.

Comprising a fine-meshed hair net fitted to a well-finished wire cage, it is slipped over the head to protect the hair and facial make-up, completed before dressing, when the gowns are put on.

The cage is made to go right over the face, while the net protects the hair.

A very useful asset, you will agree, to the soignée woman—and particularly to mannequins and others who have to change their dresses many times a day.

SIMPLE ELEGANCE

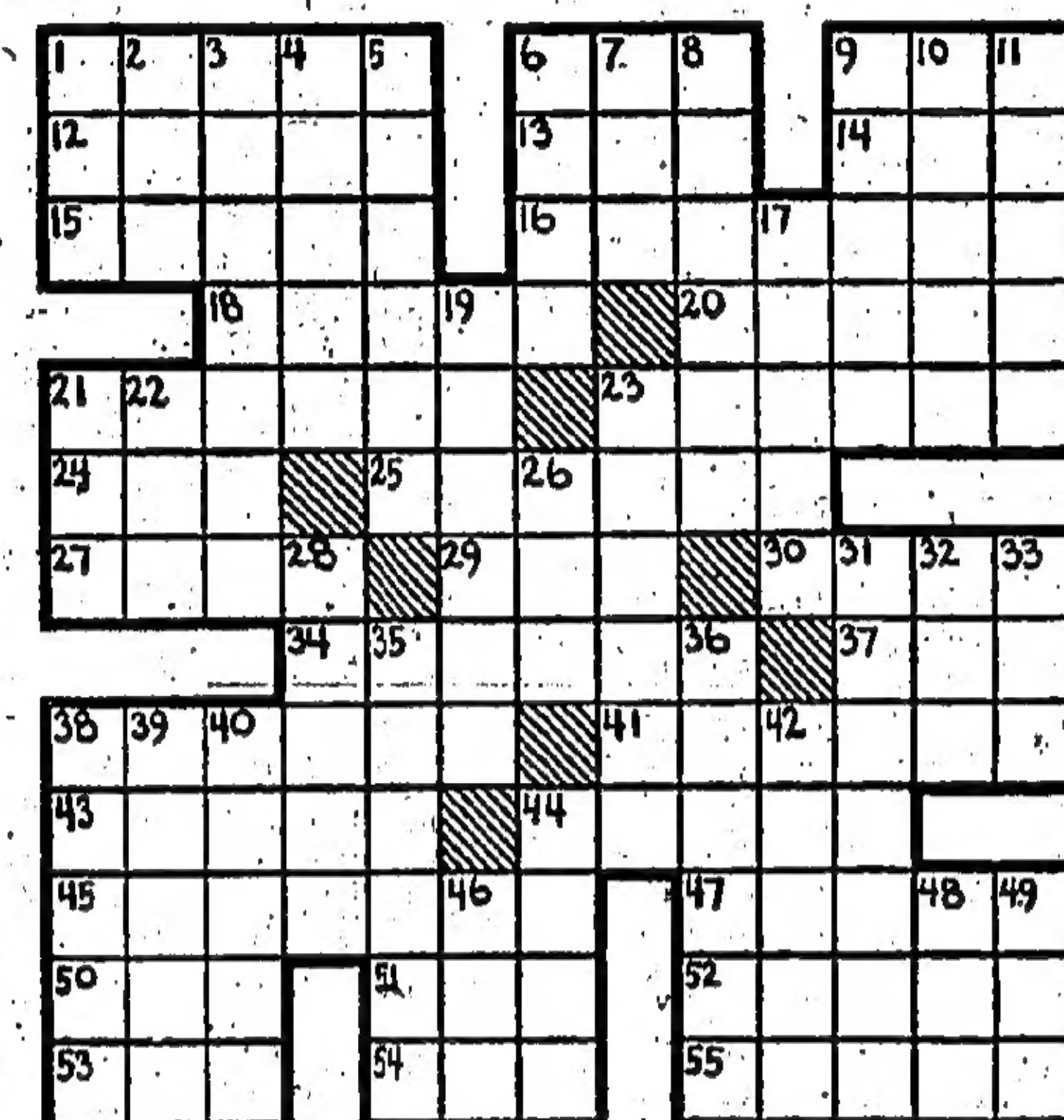
London. MANY women will adopt the fashions of the slit skirt and the contrasting sash which Princess Marina has introduced in several of her evening gowns. The simple bodice, just coming over the shoulder to form a little sleeve, is another attractive feature of the styles she has chosen. There is great simplicity about these gowns, that simplicity which is the real secret of dress elegance.

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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



- HORIZONTAL**
- 1-Lodge temporarily
 - 2-Mineral spring
 - 3-A period of time (abbr.)
 - 4-Worship
 - 5-Half a score
 - 6-Organ of hearing
 - 7-Methods
 - 8-Make larger
 - 9-The natural fat
 - 10-Active
 - 11-Make smaller
 - 12-Views
 - 13-To make taut (Naut.)
 - 14-A period of time (abbr.)
 - 15-Chief signal officer (abbr.)
 - 16-Make a misstep
 - 17-Evident
 - 18-Raw metal
 - 19-Gives pleasure to
 - 20-Mistakes
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- 21-Costume
 - 22-Large plant (pl.)
 - 23-Those who stone
 - 24-Perfume from rose petals
 - 25-Pale
 - 26-Ocean
 - 27-Course of food (pl.)
 - 28-Tricky
 - 29-Tertiary (abbr.)
 - 30-Scorch
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
- 31-Bird of prey
 - 32-Tribes of Indians
 - 33-Factor
 - 34-Perform
 - 35-Youth
 - 36-Epoch
 - 37-One who stones
 - 38-Employ
 - 39-Country in Europe
 - 40-Male fowl
 - 41-Irregular (abbr.)
 - 42-Fool-like organ
 - 43-Affirm
 - 44-Walks on
 - 45-Melts
 - 46-An amount on which rates are assessed
 - 47-Black
 - 48-To tie again
 - 49-Former Russian title
 - 50-Wild (Scot.)
 - 51-Corroded
 - 52-Fellow of the Royal Society (Lat. abbr.)
- VERTICAL**
- 1-A mechanical device
 - 2-Bustle
 - 3-Bashfulness
 - 4-To iron
 - 5-The last six lines of a sonnet
 - 6-Bawling (abbr.)
 - 7-Enclosure
 - 8-Broad two-edged dagger
 - 9-Small greenish fish

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue.

WOMEN THROUGH WOMEN'S EYES

What is our ideal masculine type? Unfortunately, many women find superficial courtesies attractive, as the typical Englishman's quiet and unassuming qualities are overlooked.

Berta Ruck, in "Sunburn" (Hodder and Stoughton, 7s. 6d.).

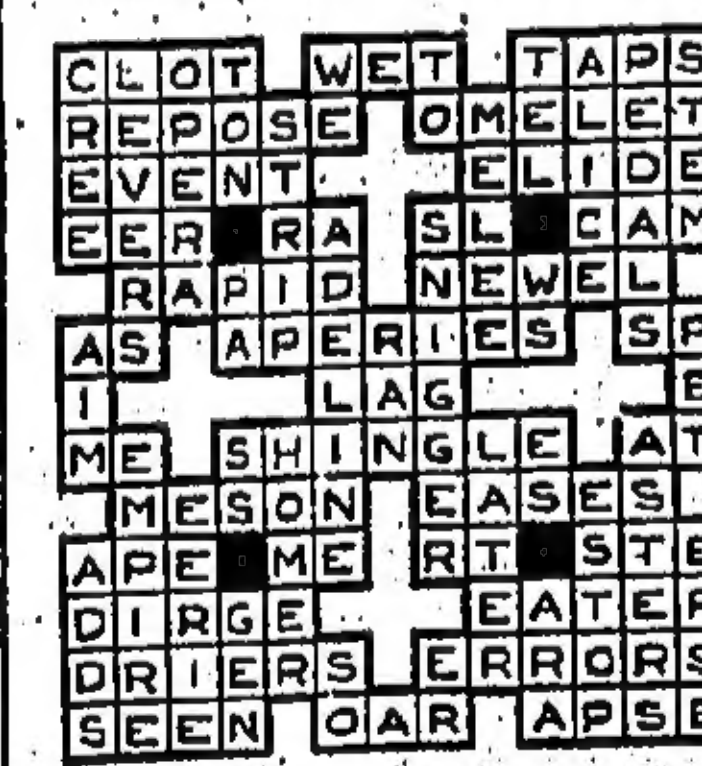
"The Englishman as a lover (says the Frenchwoman, with a smile too fine to disturb the crimson distemper on her lips) does not exist."

Princess Paul Troubetzkoy and C. R. W. Nevinston, in "Exodus A.D." (Hutchinson, 7s. 6d.).

"He'd be easy to live with, for whatever happened he'd always be courteous...."

"The fact that he would expect

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



so much gave him an added glamour in her eyes. She was not good enough for him.... "Richard was so easy to ensnare.... There was no excitement to such easy game. She could be sure of him. He only wanted her as she was."

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Amusements

Cinema Notes

"THE CITY OF SONG"—KING'S THEATRE

The elusive beauty of Naples, "The City of Song," is well brought out in this A.S.F.I. production, which has the beautiful Italian resort for its background.

Throughout the play the presence of Jan Klepura, the "wonder voice of the century," and the star of "Tell Me To-night," is heard and felt.

A tender love story is woven in the film, in which Betty Stockfield, Heather Angel, and Hugh Wakefield are in leading roles.

"GIFT OF THE GAB"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

"Gift of the Gab," a musical comedy of a fast talker who becomes a celebrated news announcer, is Universal's current release now at the Queen's Theatre. Edmund Lowe and Gloria Stuart are starred in the leading roles.

The story is a frame on which to hang clever gags, good songs, and clever dialogue by famous radio and screen stars.

Boris Karloff, Helen Vinson, Gene Austin, Ethel Waters, Phil Baker, Alice White and other noted stars make brief appearances.

"THE WANDERING JEW"—STAR THEATRE

A memorable characterisation is given by Conrad Veidt in the film version of Temple Thurston's famous book, "The Wandering Jew," produced by Twickenham Films and now showing at the Star Theatre.

Although the development is presented in four distinct phases, each episode contributes its quota of superb pictorial pageantry picked out in glowing colours of that emotionalism, that urgent romance, that humanity and that insistent moral uplift that inevitably spells all-round screen entertainment, the whole being linked together by the pitiful suffering of the Jew, for all his apparent triumphs of the moment as lover, husband, and beloved medic.

Marie Ney, Peggy Ashcroft and Anne Grey are in the supporting cast.

"FALLING FOR YOU"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

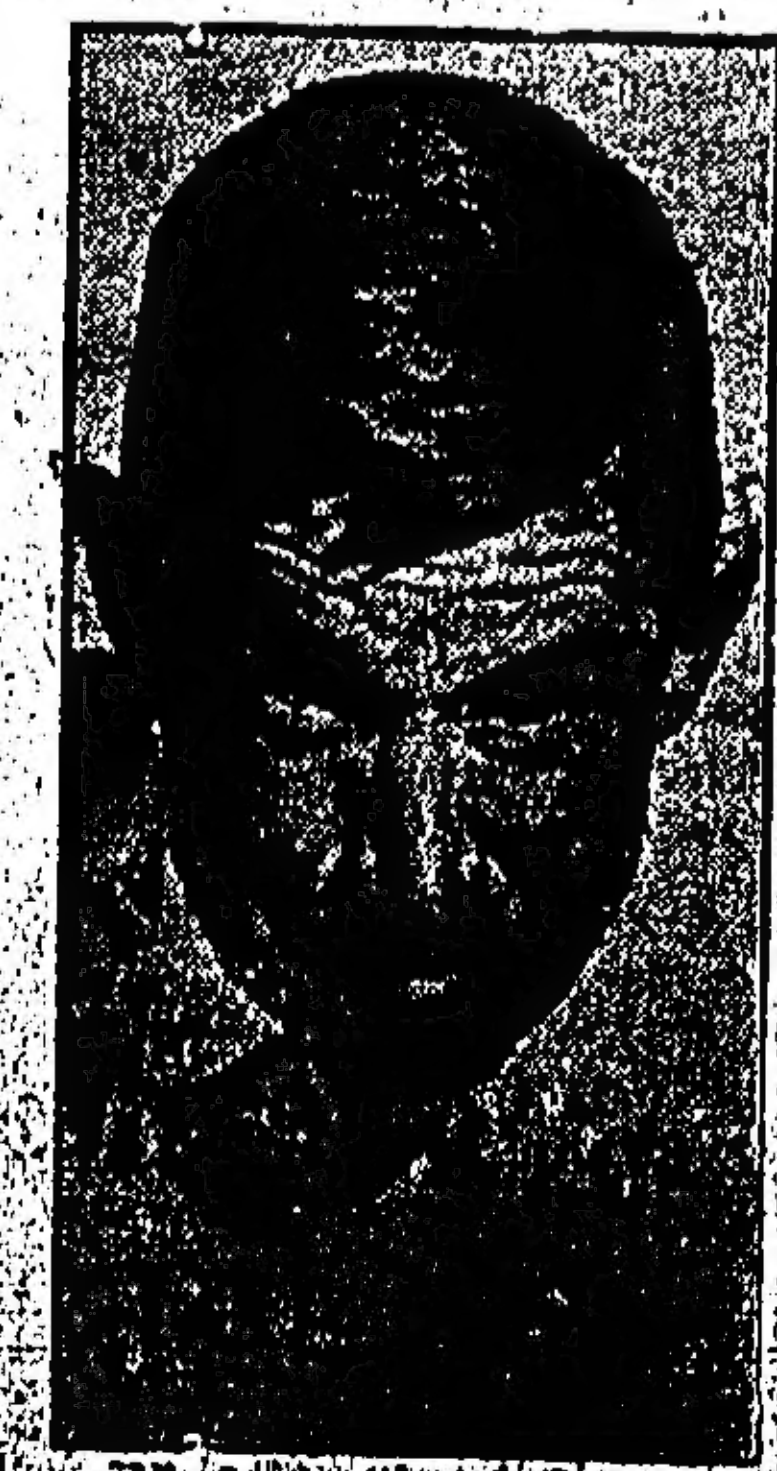
In "Falling For You," now showing at the Oriental Theatre, Jack Hulbert and Cicely Courtneidge give one of their best performances in this highly entertaining comedy of laughter and thrills.

The fun is fast and furious, commencing with the antics of Jack and Cicely on the ski-ing slopes and ice rinks, set against the magnificent scenery of the Swiss Alps. The story of two journalists in Switzerland in search of an heiress, gives her two clever stars every opportunity of demonstrating their inimitable humour and wit.

"HANDY ANDY"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

Will Rogers scores another triumph in his latest Fox picture, "Handy Andy," now at the Alhambra Theatre. Clever dialogue and humorous situations combine to make this his funniest picture.

He portrays a druggist who wants to work in peace, but his wife, Peggy Wood, persuades him to sell out and to learn to play.



Will Rogers is now appearing in "Handy Andy" at the Alhambra Theatre.



Jose Alvarez, famous Mexican singer and radio artist who recently sang at an entertainment given by Mrs. Dwight Morrow, widow of the late Ambassador Morrow, in his residence at New Jersey, E.E.U.U. Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh was present and after the entertainment spoke for a long time with the famous singer about the wonders of Mexico. Mrs. Lindbergh's father, Dwight Morrow, was Ambassador to Mexico.

"LITTLE INDIA" IN LONDON

Started By Indian Civil Servant

FREQUENTED BY MANY NOTABLE MEN

What is described by a gossip-writer as a little India in London is a restaurant in Tottenham Court-road started by a former Secretary to the Government of India. The Delhi—as it is named—has become a meeting place for Indians and Anglo-Indians of note. Among others seen there lately were C. G. Bruce, who nearly conquered Mount Everest, Lieut.-Gen. McMunn, author of "Living India," the Sultan of Johore, with his Sultana, and the Ranees of Sarawak. Rudyard Kipling is a frequent visitor.

Recently talk at most of the tables is very much about the India report and the vital question whether or not Indians themselves will co-operate wholeheartedly to make the scheme work. The debate (writes one who listened to it) became as hot as the curry, but when it was all over he came out by "the same door as he went."

FATAL RESULT OF GREED

Caught After Eating Three Goats

Greed has proved fatal to a 16-foot python.

It entered a shed by a small hole, killed and ate three goats, and when it tried to escape by the same hole its body was too swollen to allow it to get out.

Its struggles attracted attention, and it was promptly shot.

Together they start for the scene of the Mardi Gras in New Orleans. He meets a druggist and his girl friend, Conchita Montenegro. Rogers is persuaded to attend a costume ball. He appears in a Tarzan costume, and causes a sensation with his rough and tumble dance with Conchita. The dance ends in a free-for-all fight that lands Rogers in jail.

"MR. SKITCH"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

America's philosophic comedian, Will Rogers, the star of "David Harum," comes to the Majestic Theatre in Fox's current comedy "Mr. Skitch."

Florence Desmond, the year's radio, record, and night club success, plays an important role in "Mr. Skitch."

In the picture, Miss Desmond portrays a movie-struck girl from Brooklyn who is hitch-hiking to California, she meets "Mr. Skitch" (Rogers) and his family in a tourist camp. Zasu Pitts has another feature role.

BRIDGE NOTES

Correct Response To A Double

by Ely Culbertson.

It is one of the sound basic principles underlying the Takeout Double that a double of one major suit implies strength in the other, and ordinarily if a minor is doubled, the doubler holds strength in the dominant major suit, spades. The alternative of this is that the doubler has a suit of his own so strong that he is willing to show it over his partner's forced response.

This basic principle permits the responding hand much greater freedom in determining his course of action. As an example, observe the bidding on the hand below, which was played in a team-of-four match in New York City. As a matter of fact, East would have been much better advised had he made a preemptive bid of four hearts on his holding. The result might have been the same, but at least it would have required considerable courage on the part of North and South to reach their best contract.

East, Dealer
North and South vulnerable.

North:—
S—A Q 10 4
H—10
D—A Q 8 4
C—A J 5

West:—
S—5 2
H—Q 2
D—J 10 7 2
C—10 8 6 4 3

East:—
S—7 6 3
H—A K 8 7 6 5 4 3
D—6
C—K

South:—
S—K J 9 8
H—J
D—K 9 5 3
C—Q 9 7 2

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs.)

East South West North
1 H Pass Pass Dbl.
1 H (1) 4 S (2) Pass Pass

1—Too late now to serve its best purpose. It may of course crowd the bidding greatly for North and South, but would have been much more effective as an opening bid.

2—North's double of one heart guarantees spade support or a good minor suit, and in view of South's holding in the minors, the latter is improbable. In any case, South is prepared for a bid of five clubs or five diamonds.

In the play East overtook West's opening lead of the heart Queen and returned another heart, which was ruffed in the closed hand. Three rounds of trumps were now led, and East was marked, by the bidding and play, with eight hearts, three spades and two cards in the minor suits. A small diamond was led to the King, to which all followed, and at this point South decided that East's other card must be the lone club King, since, had West held that card, he would have had sufficient strength for a shaded one-trump response to his partner's opening bid. So Dummy's Ace of clubs was next played, dropping King. Now South assured himself of making six-odd by leading Dummy's last spade and discarding a small diamond; for this play reduced West to five cards—he could not hold three diamonds and guard his club Ten as well. This line of play also protected South in case he was mistaken in his reasoning, and East actually held only seven hearts originally, for then East would have held two diamonds and the diamond eight would win the last trick.

A slam contract, however, could not be reached as it depended too much upon Fortune's favours. Not all slams made in the play should be reached in the bidding, nor it might be said in passing, should all slams reached in the bidding be made in the play.

400,000,000 TONS OF LAKE SALT

Salt in the amount of 400,000,000 tons is the estimate of the lake bottom lining of Salt Lake in Utah U.S.A., according to three scientists who have made a study of the lake. Beautiful crystals of salt are said to form a lining two inches thick.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programmes will be broadcasted to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wave length of 355 metres (845 K.C.s):—

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30-1 p.m.—Recorded Music.
1 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Recorded Music.
1.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra from the Grill Room (by courtesy of the Management).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletin.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
2.30 p.m.—Dance Music from Hong Kong Hotel.
4-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—12 midnight—European Programme.
7-9 p.m.—London and New York Stock & Commodity Quotations.
7.05-7.30 p.m.—The Seasons Ballet (Glazounov, Op. 87).
8 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.
7.30-8.15 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal Duets—Music in the Air—I've told Every Little Star The Song is you Layton and Johnstone.
Vocal Duet—To-night Anna Neale and Trevor Jones.
Orchestra—I Love you so, (Serenade) Instrumental Sweetheart Darlin' I over the Waterfront arranged for Eight Pianists.
Vocal Duets—Fancy our Meeting Now that I've found you Elsie Randolph and Jack Buchanan.
Piano Solos—Billy Mayerl's Savoy Havana Memories Billy Mayerl.
Songs—Give me a ring—I only want one by A Couple of Fools in Love Margaret Bammerman (Soprano) Fritz Kreisler.
Violin Solos—Medley of Hornpipes Medley of Jigs Sean Nolan.
8.15-8.35 p.m.—Old and New (A Potpourri of Popular Melodies) (arr. Herman Finck).
8.35-9 p.m.—Duo for Piano and Violin in A Major, Op. 182 (Schubert) played by Sergei Rachmaninoff and Fritz Kreisler.
9-9.30 p.m.—Vocal Gems.
Hermann Lohr.
Form, News—War Songs Medley (arr. Glad).
Down in Demerara (Traditional).
Riding down from Bangor; (b) Solomon Tevi (Traditional).
Raymond Newell and the B.B.C. Male Chorus.
Selections from "Sweetheart" (Victor Herbert).
9.30-12 midnight—A Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room (by courtesy of the Management).
9.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletin, London 1 p.m. Stock & Commodity Quotations.
10.00 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletin, Rugby Mid-day Press News. Further London Stock & Commodity Quotations. 12 midnight—Close Down.

MOTORIST WHO HAS ARTIFICIAL LEGS

Concerned in Two Accidents

A MATTER FOR DOUBT

When Percy Money, of Farnway, Worcester Park, pleaded not guilty at Croydon to driving without due care, Reginald A. Gower, of Beresford-road, Harrow, a man he would have had sufficient strength for a shaded one-trump response to his partner's opening bid. So Dummy's Ace of clubs was next played, dropping King. Now South assured himself of making six-odd by leading Dummy's last spade and discarding a small diamond; for this play reduced West to five cards—he could not hold three diamonds and guard his club Ten as well. This line of play also protected South in case he was mistaken in his reasoning, and East actually held only seven hearts originally, for then East would have held two diamonds and the diamond eight would win the last trick.

He said that he had held a driving licence for nine years. He alleged that Money turned out too fast from behind a lorry and cut across him. He braked quickly, but could not pull up in time to avoid colliding with Money's car, which was overturned.

In cross-examination Gower said that earlier the same day he was concerned in another accident, and that about seven years ago he was convicted of dangerous driving. Money, in his evidence, blamed Gower for the accident. The Bench thought there was an element of doubt and dismissed the summons.

CANADIAN WOOD PRODUCTS

Britain Comes Into The Market

As a result of the Empire Trade Agreements, the Vancouver Broom and Brush Manufacturers have just completed in addition to their plant to make brooms and brushes for export to the British Isles and to the British Dominions. The United Kingdom has been buying brooms mostly in Washington and Oregon, but the preference has diverted the trade to Canada.

Sporting Page

TRIANGULAR RUGBY TOURNEY TITLE MAY BE DECIDED TO-DAY

NAVY FAVOURED OVER ARMY

MARTIN MAKES DEBUT AT FULL-BACK

PRACTICE FOR INTERPORTERS

(By "REFEREE")

TWO classic rugby encounters will take place this afternoon. When the Navy and Army clash in their first Triangular Tournament meeting, and when the probable Hong Kong Interport fifteen meet a combined Navy-Club fifteen at the conclusion of the Tournament match.

The Navy, who are so far undefeated in the Tournament, are favourites for to-day's encounter which will be the deciding factor in the tournament.

If the Army can repeat their excellent form of a fortnight ago, when they very nearly beat the Club, they will stand an excellent chance of recording their first win. At present they hold the wooden spoon, having twice lost to the Club.

INTERPORTERS TO BE TESTED AT SOOKUNPOO

Castleton Last To Accept Invitation

ARCHER AS RESERVE?

(By "REFEREE")

Following the Triangular Tournament game the probable Hong Kong Interport rugby fifteen, with three exceptions, will be seen in action at Sookunpoo against a fifteen comprised of the Navy and remnants of the Club first fifteen who are not travelling to Shanghai. Every position in the Interport side, with the exception of one of the second-row forwards has been filled, and the selectors are now awaiting the answer of R. G. Castleton, who has been invited to fill this vacancy.

Should Castleton be able to travel with the team, he will probably hook and Peers will then be moved back into the vacant second-row position.

R. H. B. Riggs and H. R. McGillchrist, who are suffering from septic knees, are not playing this afternoon, but they will travel with the Interport team to Shanghai.

Their vacancies to-day will be filled by S. C. Archer, who has, I understand, been invited to accompany the Interporters as a reserve. M. W. Scott, who was also invited to accompany the Interporters, will fill McGillchrist's vacancy at left-wing three-quarter.

Several changes have been made in the combined Navy-Club side. E. R. A. Plumley, who has played for the Navy first fifteen in defence, will be at full-back, while Cartwright comes into the three-quarter line in place of Chamber of the Medway, who is on the injured list.

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Navy Club:—E. R. Plumley (Cornwall); A. B. Loxham (Medway); Lieut. Clarke (Dunoon); Lieut. Comdr. Neame (Cornwall); A. B. Lloyd (Medway); and M. W. Turner (Club).
Interport XV:—G. P. Lammer; S. C. Archer; L. G. Robertson; R. H. Griffiths; M. W. Scott; J. Hutchison and H. C. Meekes; A. F. Walkden; R. G. Cartleton; H. O. Bramble; I. H. Bradford; W. E. Peers; K. A. Munro; D. McLeish (Captain) and J. C. Miller.

K.B.C. BOWLS TEAM TO MEET YORKSHIREMAN

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon Bowling Green Club in a friendly lawn bowls match against the Yorkshire Society at 3 p.m. to-day:

J. Macdonald; G. Ross; J. Watson and A. M. Holland.
K.B.C. Bowls XV:—G. W. Dillen; J. Roberts; W. S. Drake; J. C. Brown; G. L. Farmer; B. Wyle; J. L. Bapley and J. H. Bapley.
Yorkshire XV:—G. L. Bapley; J. H. Bapley; J. C. Brown; G. L. Farmer; B. Wyle; J. L. Bapley and J. H. Bapley.



The Club did well to hold the Navy, conquerors of the Army, to a goalless draw in the Triangular Tournament hockey series at King's Park yesterday.—(King's Studio).

REED & POTTER SHINE IN HOCKEY

BRILLIANT DEFENCE HOLDS NAVY FORWARDS

(By "STICKS")

THE Hong Kong Hockey Club caused a mild sensation yesterday afternoon when they held the strong Royal Navy eleven to a goalless draw in their Triangular Tournament encounter on the Navy ground at King's Park.

The defences on both sides shone, especially in the second half of the game, when W. A. Reed and Potter, two of the Club's halves, gave a brilliant display in defence and were the means of saving their team from defeat.

The Navy forwards were rather unlucky at times, and often threw away "sitters" by committing infringements at the crucial moment. Neame and Lascelles were the pick of the Navy forwards, distributing the ball to their respective right and left wingers with amazingly accurate passes.

On the run of the play, the Club should have won, enjoying more of the play in the first-half.

Club Defence's Poor Start
The game opened at a very slow pace, the forwards on both sides dilly-dallying with the ball instead of making good use of it.

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Moss will be keeping goal for the Arsenal at Brighton to-day.

MISS HELBLING MAY FORCE OWN SELECTION

Final Ladies' Interport Hockey Trial

WELL-BALANCED ELEVEN

The Final Ladies' Interport Hockey Trial takes place this afternoon on the Y.M.C.A. ground at King's Park, when Whites, the probable Interport side, meet Colours at 3 p.m.

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The following are the teams:
Whites:—Mrs. R. Rose (St. Andrews); E. M. Gray (H. K. Ladies); and A. Fowler (H. K. Ladies).
Colours:—B. Hance (Hong Kong Ladies); F. K. Walker (C.B.A. Ladies); and B. Helbling (Hong Kong Ladies).
E. Beavis (C.B.A. Ladies); E. Xavier (Recreio Ladies); L. Woolley (St. Andrews Ladies); W. Marsh (Hong Kong Ladies); P. Gittins (St. Andrews Ladies); L. Silva Netto (Recreio Ladies); Mrs. P. M. Harrop (Hong Kong Ladies); and O. Brown (H. K. Ladies).

UNION'S CIRCULAR TOO INVOLVED

Modern Forward Play Deplorably Bad

SCHOOLS SHOULD TEACH HONEST SCRUMMAGING

(By HOWARD MARSHALL)

London, Dec. 18.
The Rugby Union have acted. The circular they have issued to referees this week clarifying the scrummage laws was badly needed. Let us raise our hats and murmur, "Better late than never" with what enthusiasm we can command.

My own enthusiasm is a little dimmed, though, by the fact that so long and detailed a circular was considered necessary. Surely the intention of the law is now perfectly plain? It is that the ball may only be hooked by the far foot of the middle man, though the outside man may follow the ball in when it has passed him.

If this is what the Rugby Union intend, why can they not say so bluntly and briefly, and have done with it? For one and then of this counting of legs in the front row of the scrummage.

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SOUTH CHINA WITHOUT IP FOR POLICE CLASH

Ward Not Playing For Saints

FIVE SENIOR LEAGUE SOCCER GAMES TO-DAY

There are five First Division League Football matches down for decision this afternoon, the most interesting being the encounter between the Police and South China "A" who will be without the injured Ip Pak-wa, which takes place at Kowloon.

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Week End Forecast

The following is Rover's forecast:—

To-day

FIRST DIVISION

Police v S. CHINA "A" (Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
ATHLETIC v Club (Club, 4 p.m.)
East Lanes v ST. JOSEPH'S (Happy Valley, 4 p.m.)
FUSILIERS v Kowloon (Chatham Rd., 4 p.m.)
ARTILLERY v S. China "B" (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION

Eastern v S. CHINA (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
UNIVERSITY v Kowloon (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
EAST LANES v Club (Club, 2.30 p.m.)
R. ENGINEERS v Fusiliers (Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.)
Athletic v NAVY (Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION

R.A.M.C. v Police (Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.)
Recreio v RAILWAY (King's Park, 2.30 p.m.)
R.A.F. v Radio (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)

To-morrow

FIRST DIVISION

FUSILIERS v S. CHINA "B" (Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)
R.A.S.C. v EAST LANES (Chatham Rd., 2.30 p.m.)
R.A.O.C. v LINCOLNS (Railway, 2.30 p.m.)
R.E. v Fusiliers (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

\$10,000 BET ON 1936 DERBY

BREEDER BACKS HIS FANCY FOR £20

Mr. J. A. Hirst, breeder of a yearling colt named Pretorius, has backed it to win the Derby of 1936. He holds such a good opinion of this young colt that he booked £10,000 to £20 about Pretorius with a famous London firm of commission agents.

A son of Foxlaw and Glenabrick, Pretorius is a full-brother to the well-known racer Tiberius, and is owned in partnership by Messrs. Buxton and Hooper.

Pretorius has been in Charles Waugh's training stables at Newmarket, but yesterday he left there for the establishment of one of his owners.



The Navy were yesterday surprisingly held to a goalless draw by the Club in the latter's opening Triangular Tournament hockey match of the season.—(King's Studio).

INTERPORT SOCCER TRIAL SURPRISES

QUESTION OF RESIDENTIAL STATUS RAISED

(By "REFEREE")

THE long awaited first Interport soccer trial has at last arrived. It and to-morrow afternoon the cream of the Colony soccer talent will be seen in action in a game which promises plenty of thrills and good football.

Surprisingly enough, the Hong Kong Football Association have apparently paid little heed to the rules of the Interport Cup Competition, for Rule 12 says: "Only players actually resident at a port shall be eligible to represent that Port in this competition, and no period of less than one month shall constitute residence for the purpose of this rule."

Talking this rule into consideration, I find with great surprise the names of several South China "A" players, who, as far as I have been able to ascertain, are not residents of the Colony, but are registered members of the Hong Kong Football Association, and who are, in spite of this, being given a trial.

Among the names are those of Tam Kong-pak, who represented the Colony last year at Shanghai Fung King-cheong, Ip Pak-wa, and Lee Tin-sang.

All these four men are at present residents of Canton.

Wong Wing's Claims

Reverting to the trial teams, Rodger, the Whites' custodian, has a very keen rival in Wong Wing, the South China "A" skipper, who is on present form the best custodian in the Colony and likely to displace Rodger.

Wong Wing is a newcomer to Interport football with sufficient talent to displace Rodger, who has played in the Interports for many years. Unlike most Chinese goalkeepers, he is not spectacular, but is very safe, possessing an uncanny sense of anticipation, which is only to be found elsewhere in Rodger.

Swaine, of the East Lanes, has justified his inclusion in the trials by his recent displays, but I hardly think he will combine well with S. Strange, as they play a different type of football.

Leung's Absence

Dudley, of the Lincolns, makes his first appearance in the Interport trials in support of A. V. Gosno, at right-half. Although he has displayed consistently good form, I think that Leung is a better choice for the Whites.

Fifteen minutes after the opening K. Bux scored the first goal, which was soon followed by two more from Tara Singh before the interval.

After brilliant passing from the right and left, Tara Singh completed his "hat-trick" for the Artillery. Artillery:—V. Singh, B. Singh, A. Singh, M. McIntyre, K. Singh, T. Singh, B. Singh, G. Singh, Tara Singh, K. Bux, and O. Singh.

BADMINTON

Y.M.C.A. Lose Debut Match 9-0

RECREIO "B" FIELD DAY

Playing in their first game in the Mixed Doubles Badminton League on their own court last night, the Y.M.C.A. sustained an overwhelming defeat at the hands of the Recreio "B" team, losing by nine games to nil.

A Alves and Miss M. Basto were the strongest combination for the winners, losing only 12 points.

Scores were:
D. Cameron and Miss S. Haynes (Y.M.C.A.)—lost to H. Alves and Miss M. Basto 4-21
lost to L. Carvalho and Miss L. Xavier 8-21
lost to A. Silva and Miss M. Remedios 16-21
S. Fowler and Miss A. Fowler (Y.M.C.A.)—lost to Alves and Miss Basto 4-21
lost to Carvalho and Miss Xavier 4-21
lost to Silva and Miss Remedios 14-21
G. Fowler and Miss B. Hummell (Y.M.C.A.)—lost to Alves and Miss Basto 4-21
lost to Carvalho and Miss Xavier 8-21
lost to Silva and Miss Remedios 4-21

CLUB JUNIORS BEATEN

"Hat Trick" For R.A. Player

The H.K.S.R.A. yesterday defeated the Club Juniors by four goals to nil in a friendly hockey match played on the Marina ground.

Fifteen minutes after the opening K. Bux scored the first goal, which was soon followed by two more from Tara Singh before the interval.

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BY TEN GEORGE COOK TAKES THE HONOURS

Interport Soccer
Trial Surprises

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left out of the first trial. I refer to F. J. Elms, the brilliant St. Joseph's player, whose form throughout the past and present seasons has marked him as the one and only left half-back.

Elms is fast, a stickler and has a very good knowledge of constructional play and it would be a great pity if the selectors did not wake up in time to realise that there are other players in the Colony other than South China or military.

An Ideal Pair

Tso Kwai-shing and Tam Kong-pak are an ideal right-wing formation, and providing that Tam is allowed to play (Rule) 12, I can see no other more suited pair.

Fung King-cheong, another of those players whose question of residence is bound to arise, is easily the finest centre-forward in the Colony, and, providing that he is eligible, there could be no better leader.

Ridley and Ip Pak-wa are an ideal left-wing combination. Ridley is an untiring player, unselfish, and always ready to drop back to assist the defence.

Ip Pak-wa, the South China left-wing star, is a very speedy winger, possessing clever ball control and is not afraid to take a shot at goal himself—and surprisingly enough scores more often than not.

Lee Tsing-shing, fourth member of the Canton residential quartette, if I may so word it, is without doubt the finest full-back in the Colony.

Lee A. Certainly . . . If

To pass him over in favour of Swain would be folly—he would combine excellently with Strange. He places the ball well and has a reputation for long kicking. C. Fife, the other Blues' back, has not been consistently good, and his inclusion in the team is something of a surprise.

Pote-Hunt, the Shanghai Interporter, has unfortunately again put his knee out and will therefore not be seen to-morrow. I was told yesterday that it is quite likely that Pote-Hunt will not play anymore soccer this season, with perhaps one exception—in the Senior Shield.

Pardoe, of the Gunners and a former Interport pivot and captain, has produced excellent form this season. His play is somewhat on the same lines as A. V. Gosano, and together they would make a wonderful combination, with Elms on the left flank completing an excellent trio.

Parker Justifies Claims

Parker, of the Police, makes his

SOUTH CHINA WITHOUT
IP FOR POLICE CLASH

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The Athletic and Club, who meet on the latter's ground, clash for the second time and the result should be very interesting. In their first-round encounter they shared four goals after the Athletic had established an early lead.

Another interesting game to-day is that between the East Lanes and St. Joseph's.

Saints Handicapped

The Saints will, unfortunately, be without the services of W. Ward their brilliant inside-right who is indisposed, and this has resulted in several positional changes.

The Fusiliers and South China "B" have each two Senior Division fixtures this week-end. To-day the Fusiliers meet Kowloon at Chatham Road, while South China "B" encounter the Artillery at Caroline Hill. To-morrow the Fusiliers and South China "B" clash in their second round encounter, which has been brought forward from January 20.

Navy Favoured

In the Second Division to-day the Athletic and the Navy, both former holders of the title, meet each other at Causeway Bay at 4 o'clock, and the result should be a fast and interesting clash with the odds resting with the Navy.

The Third Division provides for three good games, the best of which should be the clash between the Air Force and the Radio at the Valley.

To-morrow the East Lanes and the Service Corps meet at Chatham Road in what should be the pick of the week-end junior games.

first appearance in an Interport trial series, and like Pardoe has justified his inclusion by consistently good form.

Blues' forwards are very fast and are more impulsive than Whites' forwards.

B. Gosano and A. Ward, on the right-wing, have played, together before, and thoroughly understand one another's play, but they do not compare favourably with Tso Kwai-shing and Tam Kong-pak, the South China players.

Howe has been disappointing this season, and on his present form can lay small claim to the Interport centre-forward position. Tay Quee-liang is a dangerous inside-left. He has led nearly all South China "A's" dangerous attacks this season. A fast man on the ball, he possesses a powerful drive in either foot.

Bickford's inclusion in the side is another mystery, for he has but recently returned to the Colony and has shown nothing to justify his inclusion.

The game commences at 3.30 p.m., and the teams are:—

Whites:—G. Rodger; Swain, S. Strange; Dudley, A. V. Gosano (capt.), Lee Kwok-wai; Tso Kwai-shing, Tam Kong-pak, Fung King-cheong, Ridley, and Ip Pak-wa.
Blues:—Wong Wing; Li Tin-sang, C. Fife; Pote-Hunt, Pardoe (capt.), Parker; B. Gosano, Ward, Howe, Tay Quee-liang and Bickford.
Reserves:—Durham, Lau Mau, Morrison, Brooks, Keneghan, Elms, F. Fowler, Elliott, Higgins and Baldry.

UNION'S CIRCULAR
TOO INVOLVED

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Law 15 reads more like a complicated schedule for drilling a beauty chorus than a simple statement of facts about forward play.

THE TRUTH is that the more we confuse and repress players by hedging them in with petty rules and regulations the more likely they will be to try to beat the referee. Beyond any doubt there is far more cheating in and around the scrumgame now than there used to be.

I am not exactly a greybeard, but I can well remember the time when there was no such thing as a hooking problem. We relied upon straightforward scrummaging and shoving to give us the ball, and if only our forwards would realise it to-day that is still the answer to the whole stupid business.

As you will doubtless have gathered from the Rugby Union circular, with its talk of raising feet and so on, the modern front-row man seems to spend most of his time standing stroke-like upon one leg and scraping for the ball with the other. If he tried to do that against a real scrummaging pack he would have his neck broken, and that would be as fitting a punishment as any other.

The truth is that scrummaging is at a very low ebb. I have said this before, and I shall continue to say it until there are some signs of improvement. The modern forward is not worth a row of beans. He can run about in the open, but so can anything on two legs.

TRIAL PACK'S POOR FORM
The scrummaging at Falmouth in the second Rugby Union trial match was ludicrously bad. The forwards were like a lot of old washer-women, with just about as much idea of how to make use of a heaven-sent opportunity for taking advantage of a really muddy ground. Not only did they entirely neglect the wheel and the straight shove, but their persistent attempts at heaving, in which they are supposed to be specialists, were grotesquely clumsy.

We do not need explanations of the scrumgame laws, but an immediate return to the fundamental principles of scrummaging. We must catch our forward young schoolmasters' please note—and train them in the way they should go.

If the Rugby Union would issue another circular to schools, asking the game masters to abolish winging forwards and all specialist positions in the scrumgame we might hope for some improvement. In the meanwhile, the way is open for some intelligent and enterprising club to sweep the board by producing a pack which really understands and puts into practice the essential arts of forward play.

INTERPORTERS TO BE TESTED
AT SOOKUMPOO

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Lloyd of the Medway, who has played a useful game at scrum-half for the Medway and Navy "A" fifteens, will be at the base of the scrum, while Mns. Foster will be seen among the forwards in the vacancy caused by Cooper's transfer to the first fifteen.

The game should be a fairly interesting one with the odds favouring the Interport side.

Lieut. Comdr. Dendy will referee and the teams are:—

NAVY FAVOURED OVER ARMY

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Coltart and Cooper of the Medway are the only newcomers to the Navy pack, substituting for Whitfield, who has left the Colony for good, and Evans, who is indisposed.

The Army have made one change in the team, which lost to the Club by 8 points to 4 a fortnight ago at Sookunpoo, Spr. Boyling, a very promising centre-three-quarter making his first appearance in the Tournament in place of Shipps, who has been dropped.

MISS HELBLING MAY FORCE
OWN SELECTION

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Both teams are well balanced ones, the defences on both sides being excellent, particularly the intermediate lines.

Miss B. Helbling, who fully deserved her last-minute trial, will be severely tested this afternoon by the probable Interport forward line, and should she succeed her place in either one of the full-back positions will be a foregone conclusion.

TO-MORROW'S INTERPORT
HOCKEY TRIAL

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Whites:—Pte. Hollingsworth (Army); Dr. A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio) and E. V. Reed (Club); W. A. Reed (Club), Lieut. Comdr. Newsome (H.M.S. Duchess) and L. Nalk Alif Din (Army); G. A. E. Mackay (Club); E. R. Divett (Club); Awar Singh (Radio), Lieut. Lascelles (H.M.S. Hermes) and J. M. Pinto (Gongoon).
Reserves:—Paradum Singh (Radio) (Back); B. Gosano (Recreio) (Half); T. S. Whitely (C.B.A.) (Forward).
Colours:—U. B. Souza (Radio); F. V. Wong (St. Andrew's) and Sepoy Khan Bahadur (Army); J. Goncalves (Recreio), Nalk Dulla Singh (Army) and Parker (Police); H. Owen-Hughes (Club), Lieut. Garthwaite (Army), C/Serg. Reeks (Army), L. Nalk Karlar Singh (Army) and L. Nalk Lal Singh (Army).
Reserves:—Lieut. Rolalar (Army) (Back); A. S. Bliss (St. Andrew's) (Half); Surin Singh (Radio) (Forward).

Reed & Potter Shine In Hockey

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Currey and his wing-forwards, Howie and Whitworth, were seen in some very good movements, but, in spite of a very weak display in defence by Rodger and E. V. Reed, they were unable to score, several centres from both wings going abegging.

Eventually, a fine centre by Whitworth, on the left-wing, was snapped up by Currey, but Neame was pulled up for off-side. Soon after Gregory, the Club goalkeeper, ran out to effect a clearance and was barged off the ball by Currey, Lascelles "plating" the ball with the net with an open goal.

Again Currey broke through, but he over-hit and the ball was kicked clear by Gregory.

Mackay Nearly Through

The Club retaliated and were very nearly through on the left-wing where Mackay took the ball down the touchline at an amazing speed only to miss-time his centre, which was cleared by Rundle, the Navy right-back.

Then Mackay was seen in a passing bout with Tetley, the winger culminating the movement with a waist-high shot which was well cleared by Baines, the Navy goalkeeper.

Soon after Mackay was seen in a lone effort, but, after beating the defence, his shot narrowly missed the net with the goalkeeper unfortunately placed.

The Club continued to press, and very unluckily not to score from a short corner, when Divett was a fraction too late in hitting the ball after Potter had stopped it from Owen-Hughes.

PETERSEN HELD BY
VETERAN
CHAMPION SHOWY BUT
INEFFECTIVE

(By GEOFFREY SIMPSON)

London, December 18.

TO the wonder and admiration of an enthralled Albert Hall crowd last night, George Cook, the fight-worn Australian heavyweight who will be 37 years old next month, not only stayed the 15 rounds with champion Jack Petersen, but gave him a battle to remember.

The fight was a supreme triumph for Cook. Only once was he in serious danger of being knocked out—and that time did not arrive until the struggle was almost over.

When the last bell clanged its welcome message the veteran was still standing—a bit dazed, perhaps, and with a nasty gash on his broad, flattened nose, but upright, just as he vowed he would be.

The referee raised Petersen's hand. He was an easy winner, but the crowd scarcely seemed to bother about that. They stood and cheered the Peter Pan of boxing as he waved acknowledgment of their approval.

Never has a loser been more warmly applauded, and Cook's happy smile of satisfaction did our hearts good. As for Petersen, he slipped from the ring with hardly a cheer—in fact, some people booed him.

Cook's display was a triumph for ring-wisdom and great-heartedness. Few men would have survived the gruelling he underwent in the fourteenth round.

Down For Seven

Ducking, swaying, and cheating Petersen's attempts to connect with a vital blow at every turn, the durable Australian at long last blundered. He left his strong chin unguarded—and a right upper-cut crashed on it with terrific force.

It was Petersen's best—in fact, his only championship punch in the fight. Down went Cook as though he were flopping into a chair. Shaken and weary, he struggled to his feet as the timekeeper was calling "Seven!"

I thought he had risen too soon, but though Petersen hammered him furiously, splitting his nose and rocking him from side to side with fierce hooks, Cook saw it out.

At the bell he actually ran back to his corner, so pleased was he that he had dodged the count of ten. In the last round he merely set himself to avoid damage—and who could blame him? He was there to stay the journey if he could not hope to get the decision which would make him the first overseas boxer to hold the British championship.

Lackadaisical

Cook boxed a brainy fight and Petersen a lackadaisical one. Never have I seen the Welshman so lacking in sparkle. He came out to fight as though his task were simple. Instead of walking in to punch in his customary fire-eating style he posed and stuck out his left.

If it was his intention to demonstrate his boxing ability he did not make an efficient job of it. He was good only when he employed a straight left. He failed sadly in his efforts to create the winning chance for his right.

In many of the rounds Petersen did no more than move around and jab away with his left. I must say that he rarely failed to land; but there was not much behind the blows—in fact, many of them were taps, delivered while he was on his toes.

They certainly did not trouble the iron-framed, tough-jawed Australian. He simply took them and watched for the champion's right. When it came he would turn his head nearly aside or skip back out of distance. His "riding" of punches was also excellent, and after the fifth round he was always shaping to stay the course.

We waited in vain for Petersen to open out and fight as we expect him to fight. He was being bluffed and cheated by a wily old campaigner and could not bring himself to realise it.

It was Cook, in fact, who provided the fireworks at times—notably in the sixth and eighth rounds. He won round eight by storming body attacks, and again in the twelfth stage he had the crowd roaring its appreciation when he belted Petersen in the stomach and caused him to gasp.

No Tricks

Petersen's most effective blows were with his left when he converted it into a hook, but Cook showed grand generalship in putting in a specially fierce burst of fighting each time he was hurt.

Even when he had the Australian down Petersen showed a poor appreciation of the way to press home an advantage. If he was being chivalrous it was a mistake, I am afraid; the real explanation of his unconvincing work was that he had no tricks with which to pierce the guard of a man who was waging a studied defensive battle.

Petersen has been charged with being too impetuous. This time he went to the other extreme. He was ultra-cautious and boxed for points when he should have fought.

Of course, he was never in any danger of losing his title. But will they say about him now in the United States? Max Baer and a world title fight have receded very far into the background, for Cook, with all his gallantry, is far from being a man of world class at his time of life.

MASON LOSES TITLE

Youth triumphed over experience at Leicester on the same night when Pat Butler, the local boxer, won the British welterweight championship on points from Harry Mason (London), the holder.

Although it was a Leicester man who had won the title, the crowd showed disapproval of the verdict for a considerable time after its announcement.

Butler's rise to fame had been meteoric. A little over two years ago he was a grocer's assistant in Mountsorrel, a Leicestershire village. Since turning professional two and a half years ago he has had 79 fights and lost 43 of them. He is 20 years old.

LEROY'S LESSONS IN TAP DANCING

Last Of The Series Given To-day

A FEW WORDS ON THE ORIGIN OF DANCING

"Strangely enough, dancing was the second method of self-expression known to mankind," says Harold Leroy. "Primitive man, finding it necessary to demonstrate his feelings by some outward expression, picked up a stick and began beating on some resonant substance, probably a conch shell. The beatings assumed a rhythmic quality and it is reasonable to suppose that in a very short time some one else, inspired by the tum-tumming leaped to his feet the rhythm went to his legs, he stamped on the ground, threw back his head and the first tap dance in the world began."

"A few years ago, as time is reckoned, theatrically, troupes of acrobats discovered that the orchestra aided their timing and created added interest to their acts, and occasionally in between stunts, one of the acrobats did a little foot shuffling."

"It quickly followed that mediocre dancers, who could turn a cart wheel or do a flip-flop, added one or more of these stunts to their routine, and a so-called acrobatic dance was created."

"A dancer may be an acrobat, and an acrobat may be able to dance, but acrobatics are not dancing, and there is a distinct difference between eccentric 'hoofing' and 'ground-tumbling.'"

Readers of the *China Mail* who have been studying and practicing the steps illustrated in these columns should now complete their course by watching Harold Leroy himself perform them in "Harold Teen," which opens at the Alhambra Theatre to-morrow.

ENGLAND'S GREAT WAR IN 913

Relics Found Under Essex Factory

EARTHWORKS MADE BY KING ALFRED'S SON

Beneath a railway junction, a tennis court and a glove factory there have been discovered at Witham the first important remains of England's first "National War."

It was the war fought by King Alfred and his successors against the Danes during which Witham was established as a permanent advanced post in the great "push" made by Edward the Elder, son of Alfred, north-east from London.

Andent Earthworks

This outpost, a thousand years old, has just been excavated on behalf of the Society of Antiquaries and the Essex Archaeological Society by Mr. F. Cottrill. He has had to work without damage to existing property.

Two public-houses, a labour exchange, a cattle market, and a number of private houses have been other handicaps in his excavations.

"Witham was established and fortified within a single month of the year 913," Mr. Cottrill told me to-day. "The idea of consolidating his army's advance by means of fortified outposts seems to have been originated by King Alfred, and when King Edward set his forces moving along the three former Roman roads leading north and east of London he followed his father's example."

Eight Years' Glory

Witham's part in the war, it has now been established, must have been an important one. It commanded both the main road to Colchester and the sea port of Maldon. Those were Witham's eight years of glory. Then, after Edward's capture of Colchester, it could only struggle on for a short time as an obviously inferior commercial centre.

A pre-Norman shepherd's hearth on the top of its already levelled earthworks shows how quickly Witham relapsed into the agricultural obscurity from which it was rescued only by the advent of the railway 800 years later. But its old name of Chipping Hill is proof, according to Mr. Cottrill, that, like Cheapside in London, it was early a place where bargaining, that is business, was transacted.

A link with the earlier Danes



LESSON NUMBER FIVE

The fifth step in the "Harold Teen Hop," is one of the most ambitious and intricate steps in the routine, but also one of the prettiest to watch, when well done.

Begin with the left foot carrying the weight of the body, the right foot out and to the side (see Position No. 12) and poked on the toe.

Come back now on the heel of the right for a cramp roll, on this is called, and a toe-heel beat with the right foot, twice in rapid succession.

Lesson

No change to the opposite position. The right foot is back and carrying the weight, the left foot out and to the side, poked on the toe. (See Position No. 13)

The same cramp roll, now, with the right foot, together with the toe-heel beat.

Between the fifth step and the sixth, we have another "break," as between Steps One and Two.

This is known as the "Charleston Break."

The Charleston break is simply a

hop on the left foot, with the right one back, then change to a hop on the right foot with the left one back. This, repeated four times, constitutes the break, and you are ready to go right into the sixth step of the Hop.

By this time, those of you who have been practicing daily should have mastered at least the first four steps of the routine and be familiar enough with the fundamental principles of tap-dancing, balance and rhythm to take up the last two without difficulty.



LESSON NUMBER SIX

The sixth and seventh steps of the Harold Teen Hop form a brilliant and effective conclusion to the entire dance routine.

The sixth step is known as the "Crossover Wing Step."

The right foot goes into the air as the dancer hops on his left foot. (See Position No. 15)

Now bring the left foot down, and come into a wing step with the right foot.

Change the position now, left foot in the air as you hop on the right foot, then bring the right foot down and come into a wing

step with the left. (See Position No. 16)

This routine is repeated six times.

The seventh step is a rapid toe-and-heel beat.

The weight of the body, in this step, is on the left foot, with the right foot in the air behind the left. (See Position No. 17)

Now tap alternately with the left heel and the right toe, for eight rapid beats.

In these seven steps which we have been studying for the past three days, you have a well-rounded and diversified dance routine.

Having once mastered the Har-

old Teen Hop, you can go on and work out elaborations on the various steps, or independent dance routines of your own. The creation of new steps or new combinations of already familiar ones you will find a fascinating thing as you become more familiar with your possibilities as a dancer.

The ability to dance is a universal one. Everyone has, in some degree, an instinctive sense of rhythm. How good a dancer of any kind you become depends, more than anything else, on your willingness to practice, work hard, persevere, and on your ability to fight off discouragement.

THE WORKING OF THE BRAIN

Scientists' Researches

Researches directed at enabling scientists to observe the working of the brain were mentioned by Sir Gowland Hopkins in an address to the Royal Society. In the course of a plea for financial support of laboratory investigations, he said that Professor E. D. Adrian and Mr. Brian Matthews had already made electrical records from the heads of living subjects.

Professor Adrian's special aim, he said, had been to relate electrical changes which could be recorded from the brain's surface, with changes in individual nerve cells. "It is fascinating," added Sir Gowland Hopkins, "to see these rhythmic activities of the human brain recorded as a series of waves in a graphic record after passing through the skull."

The *Morning Post*, commenting on the address, says: "Brain specialists may be given a new aid in diagnosis. They may be able to use graphic records of patients' brains in the same way that heart specialists use electrocardiograms to diagnose the condition of the heart."

occupation has also been provided by the discovery of a silver coin, issued by its then masters, in commemoration of Edward, king and martyr. Edward had been killed by the Danes only 30 years earlier, the issue of the coin being explained by the fact that the new generation had been converted to Christianity.

"The Female Of The Species"

Story Of The Zoo's Gift Gibbon

PIERCE FIGHT WITH KEEPER

London.

The latest newcomer to the Zoo is a female gibbon ape presented by the Duke of Westminster. This animal was one of a pair of gibbons kept at large on a small island in the middle of a lake in the grounds of Eaton Hall, but although life under these conditions made the male ape grow tame and gentle, it had the opposite effect on his companion.

She gradually became notorious for her vicious temper, and of late the attendant had found it impossible to land on the island even to feed them, and had been compelled to throw them their food.

As long as the ill-tempered gibbon was isolated on the island she had no chance of getting into mischief. But it was realised that a spell of frost would give her an opportunity to escape. For if the lake froze she would no longer be captive, but would be in a position to walk to freedom over a layer of ice.

Accordingly, a message was sent to the Zoo asking that a keeper should come to capture the erring ape and take her back to a cage in the menagerie. A Zoo keeper duly arrived on the scene,

equipped with nets and a cage. He was rowed out to the island, and at once discovered that he had a difficult task to perform.

The Gentle Male

When he reached the island he found both apes waiting for him at the water's edge. The male promptly jumped on the man's back, while the frate female lost no time in attacking. A long and strenuous struggle followed, if her teeth had been as strong as her intentions the keeper would have been in a sorry plight. As it was, he was bitten and scratched in many places before he at length managed to secure the ape.

The male gibbon made no attempt to fight for his mate, though he was in an excellent position to give her valuable assistance. As a rule all simians, no matter how tame they may be, will always unite to protect one of their number from an intruder. But the gibbon merely looked on, and seemed quite content to lose his shrewish wife.

The new ape was placed on view in the monkey house last month. Obviously her adventures have not sweetened her temper. She is, however, one of the finest gibbon apes ever seen at the Zoo.

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CHINA AND SOVIET RELATIONS

Objects Of Art To Be Exchanged

BOTH COUNTRIES WILL HOLD YEARLY EXHIBITIONS

Nanking.

China and Soviet Russia are to exchange objects of art for public exhibition for the promotion of cultural relations between the two countries.

Following the Chinese Art Exhibitions held lately in Moscow and Leningrad in Soviet Russia under the supervision of Mr. Hsu Peihung, noted Chinese artist, it is stated, arrangements were made there between the Soviet International Cultural Association and Mr. Hsu for yearly exchange of art objects between China and Soviet Russia.

A number of Russian and Chinese paintings were exchanged between the two parties concerned immediately after the arrangements were made. Among other arrangements made, however, it is understood that Russian art objects for exchange should not be of a political nature.

According to a recent message from the Soviet International Cultural Association to Mr. Hsu, the exchanged Russian paintings have now been mailed out and are expected to arrive in China shortly.

Russian Interest Around

The message further states that as a result of the Chinese Art Exhibitions in Moscow and Leningrad the interest of the Russian people in Chinese art has been greatly aroused, and hopes that through the efforts of Mr. Hsu and other Chinese and Russian artists and cultural relations between the two Republics will be further strengthened in the future.

The message further invites the kindness of Mr. Hsu to do some wall paintings for the new Administration Building of the Soviet Government in Moscow, which is now under construction.—Central News Agency.

H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

Orders For The Coming Week.

Orders by Lieut.-Colonel H. B. L. Dowling, O. B. E. Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.—

Hong Kong.

Friday, 11th January, 1935.

OBITUARY

The Commandant regrets to announce the death of Captain, F. Syme-Thomson (Reserve of Officers, H.K.V.D.C.) which occurred on December, 20th 1934.

GENERAL

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve of the grant of Commissions to the following gentlemen for service with the Railway Operating Detachment, Cadre of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps with effect from 1st January, 1935.

Mr. Reginald David Walker, M.C., as Major.

Mr. Ivan Bernard Trevor as Captain.

Mr. James Smith as Lieutenant.

Mr. Arthur Edward Perry as Lieutenant.

OFFICERS SWORD DRILL

All available Officers will parade under the Adjutant for Sword Drill at 5.30 p.m. on the following dates:

Monday ... 21st January, 1935

Monday ... 28th January, 1935

Monday ... 4th February, 1935

Monday ... 11th February, 1935

Monday ... 18th February, 1935

Monday ... 25th February, 1935

Monday ... 4th March, 1935

The 2nd Junior Wing Course will begin on Monday, 21st January, 1935.

Details will be issued later.

COMMAND

Captain S. Jarvis, M.C., resumed Command of the Corps Infantry (Portuguese Company) on 10th January, 1935.

PEAK RANGE

Nos. 1 and 2 will not be used until further notice.

LECTURE ROOM ALLOTMENT

Monday—14th January, 1935—Nursing Detachment.

Friday—18th January, 1935—No. 1 (M.G.) Company.

Thursday—24th January, 1935—Reserve Company.

PARADE

Corps, 1st Battery.

The Battery will parade at Headquarters on Thursday, 17th January, 1935 at 5.30 p.m.

quarters on Thursday, 17th January, 1935 at 5.30 p.m.

Dress—Overalls. Musketry.—The Battery will fire Part III at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, 3rd February, 1935.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. calling at Kowloon at 9.10 a.m.

Corps Engineers

Monday—January 14th—Minia-ture Range.

Corps Machine Gun Battalion

Troop

A special Machine Gun Course will commence on Tuesday 15th January at 5.30 p.m. at Volunteer Headquarters. All ranks will make a special point of attending regularly on Tuesdays until the course is completed.

Armoured Car Section

There will be a parade on Tuesday, 15th January, at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

No. 3 (Anzac) Company

Parade at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday 14th instant for Machine Gun Instruction in preparation for the 4th Test in connection with Schedule "B" of the Proficiency Classification. (I. A. & Stoppages).

Corps Infantry (Portuguese).

The Corps Infantry will parade on Tuesday, January 15th at Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Box Respirator—Instruction in the use of the Box Respirator (under regular instructors) all ranks will parade with Gas Mask.

Rifle & Bayonets must be returned to Headquarters immediately.

Posting—2nd Lieut. H. A. de B. Botelho posted to No. 12 Platoon.

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DEATH PENALTY FOR DRUG SMUGGLING.

A total of 204 persons, found guilty of selling and smuggling opium, drug pills, and other narcotics in seven provinces in central China have been executed during the past year, according to a survey made by the Anti-Opium Committee at Nanking. The largest number, totalling 167, were executed in Shansi Province.

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Causes Of War

The discussions going on in Europe as to the root causes of war are interesting because they almost necessarily turn upon questions of the future and not of the past. Any merely historical enquiry would answer the question by enumerating religion, dynastic ambition, and military glory, — all of which are practically obsolete. Since Karl Marx propounded his economic explanation of history the most popular account of modern wars would be that they were all economic. That would not however be true without some further definition, or at any rate it may safely be said that no vague and generalised answer would not be practically useful. Sir Josiah Stamp, whose services in mitigating and helping to eliminate the Reparation and War Debt troubles make his opinions specially valuable on this subject has recently been analysing the economic cause in a broadcast address, and his conclusions are worthy of record.

He would add to the obsolete motives the old ideal of loot. No important country to-day could fight another important country and after paying its own costs show a cash balance. Even if a large indemnity should be imposed and paid, it can only be paid at the cost of a still greater loss of trade. The present Chaco war is being fought for the ambition of Bolivia to get a port of its own, but even success would not repay the loss and damage. The three aspects of the economic motive that have validity are (1) economic penetration; (2) economic inequality; and (3) differential population. The example of how the first cause can be dealt with is the Anglo-Persian Oil dispute. An English syndicate had obtained a very favourable concession to prospect for oil and work it on commission, without a time limit. This gave rise to suspicions of political penetration, and the Persian Government cancelled the concession when the oil wells had revealed unexpected wealth. After reference to the League, and arbitration by Dr. Benes as its representative, a new contract was arranged, with a time limit and a bigger payment. Undoubtedly Lord Palmerston would have sent along some warships to enforce the contract; but the new contract is recognised as equitable. Unadjusted disputes occurred in Manchuria and led to war in the defaulting South American Republics, which are shielded from ultimatum by the Monroe Doctrine, but result of borrowing recklessly without making any fair return has been the natural

consequence, — the loss of the power to borrow any more. The real danger arises when there is a considerable alien population that is unfairly treated, whose cause may be taken up by the country of origin.

The inequalities of distribution of natural wealth that are most likely to cause war are not the minerals most valuable in themselves for peaceful purposes, but the more or less rare minerals that have become necessary for war. Fear of being cut off from war necessities becomes itself a cause of war, — a vicious circle. The only geographical unit that could wage war for any length of time without any importation is the United States, to which the British Empire may be added if we postulate free transport across the seas. There is the wolf in South America. Nine tenths of the world's asbestos comes from the British Empire. Sixty-three per cent. of chromeite, and ninety per cent. of the nickel comes from Canada. Potash comes from Germany and France to the extent of 94 per cent.; seventy per cent. of petroleum from the United States; 78 per cent. of antimony from China and Bolivia; and fifty per cent. of copper from the United States. The British Empire has practically a monopoly of China Clay, gold, mica, monazite, nickel and strontium. The essential for modern war is nickel. The German army would never have been able to enter upon the Great War without imports drawn from those Powers that were its enemies when fighting began; and it is a very glaring comment on the lack of attention given to these economic factors that the steady importation caused no comment at the time when it was going on. It may be pointed out that these same essentials are being imported for the formation of an abundant reserve, into Japan to-day.

No wonder that increasing attention is being given to Sir Thomas Holland's proposal of five years ago, to which we called attention some months ago, of a "mineral sanction" in the interests of peace. The first step would be the requirement of accurate returns to the League of the trade in essential minerals; the second would be publication of the figures; the third would be a veto on further sales to any country that was clearly preparing for war or that had already begun operations.

ROUNDING UP DRUG ADDICTS IN CHINA

More than 800 suspected drug addicts were rounded up by the Nanjing police in their anti-drug drive. Two hundred pieces of smoking paraphernalia were seized.

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

NOW THEY CAN SCRAP

The Government's proposals for helping British shipowners fall into two parts, the provision of a direct subsidy to freights, and of facilities for cheap borrowing by owners who are willing to pursue a scrap-and-build policy.

The latter proposal is actually the more valuable to the industry, for much of the trouble of British shipping is due to the large amount of old tonnage which was taken from Germany after the war and which is now unable to compete with the new Continental ships.

WHAT IS A TRAMP?

Most people think of tramps as small and dirty ships employed in coastwise trade.

They are not. There are tramps of up to 15,000 tons, fine vessels which sail all over the world.

The only definition of a tramp is that it should be a ship which is prepared to call for or discharge cargo at any port to which it is ordered.

Tramps are the delivery-vans or taxis of the sea. Liners the buses and trains.

Your Daily Smile!

Friend: "Are your poems widely read?"
Poet: "I'll say they are. More than twenty editors read the last one."

Oh-Oh!

"We had fewer mishaps on the road in my day," said grandfather.
"Well, we have high-powered cars nowadays," said Alice.

"Yes, there is a difference between horsepower and horse sense."

Several Changes

"Has your wife changed very much since you married her?"
"Yes—my habits, my friends, and my hours."

To the Point

Mother: "Did you remember to say 'Thank you very much' for having me?"
Tommy: "Yes, only I cut it short and said: 'Thanks, I've been had very nicely.'"

LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Tenders are being invited by the Government for the erection of an aviation hangar at Kai Tak.

The Six Hollywood Blondes will make a reappearance at the Hong Kong Hotel this evening.

Three cases of diphtheria were reported in the Colony during the 24 hours ended January 10.

ECHO OF FRENCH LINER FIRE

Rings Found After
Air Disaster

SUPPOSED LOST IN BURNT
"GEORGES PHILIPPAR"

Jewellery to the value of 340,000 francs (about \$3,000 at par), which it was thought had been lost when the liner Georges Philippar was burned to a hulk in the Indian Ocean, has just been discovered at Lyons.

A jeweller there was visited by an Italian retail coal dealer (a type of business which is usually conducted in France on a very small scale) who asked him to value two rings, both bearing the trade-mark of a well-known Paris jeweller.

The Lyons jeweller got in communication with the Paris firm, and was informed that the rings had been sold several years ago to a Madame Lang-Villars. Madame Lang-Villars and her husband were rescued from the Georges Philippar and landed at Brindisi.

Here they took an aeroplane for London, but over the Apennines the machine crashed, and all four occupants were burned to death. Believing that the jewellery had been lost in the Georges Philippar, the insurance company paid the heirs of M. and Mme Lang-Villars the value of the missing rings.

The rings had been found among the wreckage of the aeroplane, and had been for many months in the possession of poor Italians who had not apparently thought of selling them.

RAMADHAN, MONTH OF FASTING

WHAT ITS OBSERVATION MEANS TO MOSLEMS

KEEPING THE FAST WHILE OTHERS FEAST

(By Earnest Main)

THE 200,000,000 Moslems scattered throughout the world last month kept the great fast of Ramadhan, which was ushered in by the new moon that appeared on December 6.

During this month no food or drink passed a Moslem's lips, nor was he allowed to smoke, between dawn and dusk—in the words of the Koran, between the moment in the morning when the light first enables a white thread to be distinguished from a black thread, and the moment in the evening when it becomes no longer possible to see the difference.

Keeping The Fast

It is a rigorous month, particularly so when it falls in the summer. The Moslem year consists of 12 lunar months, so that Ramadhan moves round the calendar.

In the blistering Arabian summer, when dawn comes early and dusk comes late, Ramadhan is a sore trial to the nerves. But it is kept religiously, and in nothing is the discipline of Islam more remarkable than in the keeping of this great fast in all the Moslem lands between Morocco and the East Indies.

It is incumbent on all, except those who are sick or on journeys, and even they are expected to keep their fast at another time.

In the bigger towns some of the more daring of the progressives do not in reality keep it; but they all make a show of keeping it. Indeed, it is customary to pass local laws closing all coffee-houses and places of refreshment during the daylight hours.

Watching For The Moon

On the evening on which the new moon is due watchers are posted on every point of vantage. When a duly accredited watcher, or some person of known integrity, reports to the religious authorities that the new moon has been seen a gun is fired and the fast has officially begun.

Sometimes local conditions prevent the new moon being seen here or there, so that Ramadhan may begin on different days even in neighbouring towns. Sometimes, as when a dust-storm is blowing, the new moon cannot be seen at all; in this case the religious authorities start the fast by declaration.

Offices and places of business go on part time, finishing work in the early afternoon, the rest of the daylight hours being spent in sleeping. As dusk approaches, the coffee shops begin to open, and gradually fill up. The men sit quietly talking and gossiping. It is bad form to show any sign of eagerness for the gun which nightly indicates that the fast is over for the day. When the hour draws near, the coffee shops are full.

The Sunset Gun

Then the gun is fired and the coffemen go round with their spouted brass pots and the nest of little china cups that clink musically in their hands as they move round the crowded benches. But the customers display no hurry to break the fast; still there is no eagerness outwardly. The stolidism and courtesy that are innate in the Moslem are well exemplified on these occasions.

They are all longing for a smoke, yet there is a studied forbearance in lighting the first cigarette or taking the first draw from the narghile.

Gradually the coffee-shops clear as the crowd drifts home. The great meal prepared by the women then begins, and when at last it is over the Moslem keeps open house. These "Ramadhan Nights" are a feature of the fast. Until a late hour the parties continue, with ample refreshments handed round by the serving-men. In times of political disturbance these "Ramadhan Nights" afford many opportunities for plotting and counter-plotting.

When Plots Can Be Hatched
Visits can be made during Ramadhan that could not be made at other times without exciting comment, and it is a fact that great

numbers of conspiracies and revolts can be traced to the nightly discussions that may take place during the great fast. A case in point is the rebellion that broke out in Mesopotamia in the summer of 1920 against the British occupation.

When the gun is fired in the morning the fast is renewed again until sundown.

As the month draws on nerves begin to fray. The strain is greater than any Westerner can imagine. One's own house-servants become jumpy. If the service does not actually go to pieces, breakages increase, and there is a general drop in efficiency. It is not surprising.

The End Of The Fast

Your butler, for instance, has to carry on as usual serving your meals, and to a hungry man the appetising smell of the food and the sight of master and his guests enjoying their meals as usual must be torture. In summer, in particular, when the butler must serve long cooling drinks all day and may not even have a sip of water himself, the rigour of the fast is seen in its extremest form.

Towards the end of the month the new moon is more and more anxiously awaited. When at last it may be expected, you can see eager watchers on every roof-top and eminence peering into the sky to descry the first thin slip appearing in the twilight. The gun goes and the great fast is over.

On the morrow, being the great feast. The European communities are expected to pay official calls on the leading Moslem dignitaries. Apart from this formal aspect the day is a kind of Bank Holiday. Everyone appears in new clothes; even the children of the poorest scullie or fellow wear some new, brightly coloured garment, however cheap.

Moslem "Bank Holiday"

In all the towns fairs spring into life. The booths and their bright flaring lights are a great attraction to these simple folk. Merry-go-rounds and "giant" wheels are set up.

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ARRACK AS LIQUEUR FOR EUROPE

Preserving The Water
Of The Nuts

RELIEF FOR COCONUT INDUSTRY

At the instance of Mr. L. W. A. de Soysa the L.C.E.A. Committee decided at a meeting held early last month in Colombo to forward many suggestions to the Coconut Research Scheme which might tend to relieve the coconut industry by the introduction of new products into the European market.

Among the suggestions were:—
To request the Director of the Coconut Research Scheme to undertake experiments to remove the smoke of coconut oil when used for lighting purposes.

To experiment on manufacturing a lighter and more purified form of jaggery sugar suitable for markets in Europe.

To manufacture a coconut syrup, similar to maple syrup, to be used in Europe for making sweets and to be taken with buckwheat or other cakes.

To remove the objectionable odour and taste in arrack and sweeten the taste by adding aniseed or essence of aniseed or some kind of flavouring and introduce it as a liqueur in the European market.

To experiment as to a successful method of preserving king coconut water in jars or bottles to be exported abroad.

To preserve the immature kernel of king coconuts, the kernel of "Deekari" etc. in jars, tins or glass jars etc.

To preserve "kurumba" kernel in syrup or treacle or crystallise the kernel.

ST. GEORGE'S BALL

Xmas And New Year Festivities Eclipsed

GOVERNOR AND LADY PEEL PRESENT

Following in the wake of the Christmas and New Year festivities, St. George's Ball, which was held in the Roof Garden of the Peninsula Hotel last night, eclipsed even those celebrations.

Dancing continued until 3 o'clock this morning, and even then most of the guests were loath to leave. H.E. the Governor and Lady Peel attended and fully entered into the spirit of the occasion.

Sir William Hornell being the President of the Society this year, Miss Joan Hornell, Sir William's niece, performed the duties of hostess.

The Rose Room and Roof Garden were beautifully decorated for the occasion and presented an exquisite setting for the many coloured gowns of the ladies. Along the walls of both rooms hung the coats-of-arms of various townships in England. At the top end of the Rose Room there was an effective flood-lit representation of the centre of each room was a huge basket of red and white roses.

On their arrival at the Ball, H.E. the Governor and Lady Peel, escorted by eight Beef-eaters in picturesque costume, were met at the entrance by the past Presidents of the Society. These were: Mr. G. C. Moxon, Mr. H. R. B. Hancock, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Col. L. G. Bird, Sir William Shenton, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. E. Cock, Lt. Col. H. B. L. Dowbiggen, and Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson.

They then continued to the far end of the Rose room where they were received by Miss Hornell, the hostess. After the reception a square dance, the Lancers, followed. The official party participated in this.

Amongst the 700 people present were His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., K.B.E., and Lady Peel, His Excellency the General Officer Commanding the Troops in China, Major General O. C. Borrett C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., and Mrs. Borrett, and His Excellency the Commander in Chief, Sheng-kung and Tai, aged 82, 80, 80, 79 and 79 respectively.

President's Dinners Party. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Peel were guests of honour of the President Sir William Hornell, C.I.E., LL.D., M.A. and Mrs. Joan Hornell, by whom they were entertained to an informal dinner prior to the commencement of the Ball.

Amongst the other guests of the President to dinner were His Excellency the G. O. C. Major General O. C. Borrett, and Mrs. Borrett, His Excellency the Commander in Chief, Admiral Sir Frederick C. Dreyer, and Miss R. H. Hancock, His Honour the Chief Justice, Mr. A. D. MacGregor and Mrs. MacGregor, Commodore F. N. Attwood, R.N., and Mrs. Griffin, Lieut. Cmdr. F. B. Tours, R.N., and Miss Wolfe, Mr. C. Bulmer Johnson and Miss Luscombe-Newman, Mr. H. R. B. Hancock and Mrs. Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shields, Lieut. Cmdr. R. A. Wilson, R.N., and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. A. S. MacKichan and Mrs. MacKichan, Professor F. A. Redmond and Mrs. Redmond, Major J. A. G. Griffin and Mrs. G. D. R. Black, Dr. G. D. R. Black, O.B.E., and Miss H. Hancock, Major H. St. G. Thoyts, M.C., and Miss Huntington, Professor W. I. Gerrard and Mrs. G. Maclean, Professor R. K. M. Simpson and Miss Terry Cmdr. R. W. Reeves, R.N., and Mrs. Reeves, Mr. and Mrs. C. Drage, Capt. G. Maclean and Miss G. Gerrard, Mr. A. Sommerfelt, and Miss H. Gerrard, Lieut. M. F. H. Rogers and Mrs. Sommerfelt, Capt. R. F. Walter and Mrs. Pinquet, Mr. J. G. Pilcher and Miss M. Readhead, Mr. G. Stabb and Mrs. Gerrard, Mr. G. R. A. Knyvett, Mr. Muspratt-Williams and Miss Jane Boothby, Capt. B. L. E. Hebert and Mrs. Carruthers.

Others who held dinner parties prior to the dance were Sir William Shenton, Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, Mr. G. O. Moxon, Mr. E. Cock, Mr. V. M. Grayburn, M. G. G. N. Tinson, Mr. P. S. Cassidy, Mr. Archibutt, Col. L. G. Bird and Mrs. L. C. F. Kallany.

Tenders are being invited by the Government for the construction of the new Central British School in Kowloon.



She is an aristocrat, this Champion Lady in Ermine, winner of high honours at the annual show of the United Cat Clubs of America, in New York, but she loves to play with cotton, just like the alley breed.

CEREMONIAL THAT COULD NOT BE

Aeroplane-Naming Is Postponed

PEIPING CANNOT PRODUCE ANY CENTENARIANS

Not so long ago it was reported that Peiping was in search of five men who had attained the wisdom and veneration due them on passing their hundredth birthday. They would then be given the duty of performing the rites at the naming ceremony, which was to have been held on New Year's Day, of the five aeroplanes had been bought with subscriptions raised in Peiping and it was thought that this would be a fitting way of dedicating the machines before handing them over to the Government.

Unfortunately centenarians are a rarity even in Peiping, and the authorities were only able to find Messrs. Yu Tsu-heng, Feng Chu-shuan, Wang Hsi-chen, Tung Sheng-kung and Tai, aged 82, 80, 80, 79 and 79 respectively.

At an interview, Mr. Yu Tsu-heng said he did not know from what part of Shantung his family originally came, but his grandfather would have. His family had lived five generations in Peiping and Mr. Yu himself for 40 years ending in the Boxer year, had conducted a successful pawnshop. He had never travelled very far and only twice been in a train, to Tientsin and back.

Very emphatically the aged man said he would not travel in the aeroplane he would name as he had callers at his home every day and had to be there to receive them.

ROYAL BABY ROBE DISCOVERED

Relic From 1835

QUEEN MARY ACCEPTS AGED DOCTOR'S GIFT

A letter received from Dr. Milner Moore, of Eastbourne, who recently completed his 95th year, states that his father was in practice in London during the reign of William IV. and was appointed Apothecary to the Household in 1835. He attended Queen Adelaide in her confinements and became possessed of a beautifully embroidered baby's robe.

This robe Dr. Moore recently discovered among his family possessions, and, feeling that it belonged to the Royal family they should have it, he wrote to the Mistress of the Robes.

This brought a reply from one of the Ladies-in-Waiting, indicating that the Queen would like to see the robe. It was sent in consequence to Buckingham Palace.

Her Majesty was delighted with the robe, and has had it placed among the Royal possessions at Windsor.

Dr. Milner Moore is the second oldest member of the British medical profession.

SNAKE VENOMS

Investigations Into Their Natures

DIFFERING EFFECTS UPON THE BLOOD

At the Scientific Meeting of the Zoological Society of London, held last month, Dr. Burgess Barnett, the Curator of Reptiles, described the zoological features of the joint investigation made by himself and Dr. R. G. Macfarlane on the properties of snake venoms. Naturally the only part of the work that could be done at the Zoo was the collection and preliminary examination of the venoms; the rest was carried out at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

Collecting The Venom

Poisonous snakes, if handled gently, can easily be persuaded to bite through a thin sheet of oiled silk or parchment tied over the mouth of a glass vessel, and then, if the glands, which are modified salivary glands, be gently massaged with the fingers, the liquid venom is discharged into the vessel. A healthy snake renews its store of venom in about a fortnight. The liquid venom in the vessel is allowed to evaporate under gentle heat, and becomes transformed into yellowish crystals, which retain their properties for long if kept dry.

Differing Effects

It has long been known that the venoms of different kinds of snakes exercise their poisonous effect in various ways, and that some of them are much more active than others in clotting blood. This property of clotting was found to be distributed very irregularly among different species, but two extremes appear to be Russell's viper, one of the most common and most dangerous of Indian snakes, which has a powerful clotting effect even on the blood of patients with haemophilia, and African puff-adders, the venom of which even prevents or postpones clotting. The venoms, however, appear to have mixed properties, and also are far from sterile, so that much work requires to be done in the way of separating out the constituents and discovering modes of sterilisation which do not destroy their properties.

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Today's Short Story.

The Hat Trick

By Colin Howard

ME uncle Donald (said O'Brien, the jarvey), like all the O'Briens, was a man uncommonly clever-wid his brains. 'Twas his boast that there wasn't a man in the village av Clone, near Carlow, where he lived, that he couldn't be getting the better av, and, sure, he ought to have known, the way he was always trying.

Somehow me Uncle Donald wasn't a very popular man, and a good many people lost a good deal av money proving to him that he wasn't as smart as he thought he was. He had a way of making impossible bets, and then winning them, that was nothing short av genius, though genius wasn't the exact term applied to it by the men he betted wid.

Well, wan day he was passing through a village a mile or so away when he saw a poor-looking man working in a field, and on his head he was wearing wan av them foreign pith helmet affairs. Donald pulls up and stares.

"Faith, that's a daft-like kind av a hat ye have to yer head," says he. "I do not see it," says the other, lofty as the old church steeple, afore the March winds got to it. "It covers me head, and what more would ye be asking av a hat?"

"That is so," allows Donald, wid a bitten laugh, as the O'Brien brains av him gets to work. "But ye'll admit 'tis unusual."

"I wore it all through the South African war," declares the man,

"and not a laugh did it raise. Apart from which," he says, "'tis the only hat I have."

"Och, no offence, none in the world," says Donald, hasty. "So ye fought in the South African war, did ye, Mr. —?"

"Me name is Terance 'Doolan,'" offers the man.

"Well, Mr. 'Doolan,'" gives out Donald, "tis proud I am to be talking wid such an eminent soldier as yerself, and it would give me great pleasure to stand ye a drink, or maybe the two."

Mr. 'Doolan' answers, and says he doubts that Donald wouldn't be getting half the pleasure out av it that he would be himself.

MONDAY'S STORY

Monday's story will be "The Problem Picture," by Cyril James.

NEW SOLICITOR FOR COLONY

Mr. F. I. Zimmern

Mr. Frederick Zimmern, the Interport cricketer, was yesterday admitted by the Chief Justice (Mr. A. D. MacGregor) as a practising solicitor in the Hong Kong courts.

Mr. Zimmern was introduced to the Bench by the Attorney General (Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster), who made reference to Mr. Zimmern's distinguished scholastic successes.

RAMADHAN, MONTH OF FASTING

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The stumps of two date-palms support the axes of the "giant wheel"—a Heath-Robinson contraption of wood which is turned on its axle by the proprietor or one of his minions. On the circumference of this wheel are suspended baskets into which two or three children can be packed. For a fraction of a penny the children enjoy the delight of being swung through the air for a few minutes. The merry-go-round is a similar one-man power wheel turning on a vertical axis.

"Desert-dwellers" come in near the towns and villages in order to enjoy the delights of this Moslem Bank Holiday. The bazaars are busy, all restraints are removed, and life returns to normal until Ramadhan comes round again.

TREASURY BILLS ISSUE

London, to-day. — The total amount applied for in tenders for £25,000,000 Treasury bills was £28,675,000. The maximum amount was allotted in bills at three months. The average rate per cent was 6/17.0d., as compared with 6/1.6d. a week ago. — British Wireless Service.

Armed Robbery Frustrated

Five robbers made an attempt to rob a house at No. 161, Tung Choi Street, Kowloon, yesterday at 4.45 p.m. but their plans were frustrated by the courage of one of the inmates, who, in spite of being threatened with slaying blades to keep silent, shouted out and raised an alarm.

It appears that they took advantage of the situation when a girl student returned from school and

had the door opened for her. They entered and threatened the inmates with slaying blades, but a woman shouted out "thieves thieves!" and blew a police whistle.

Hearing the police whistle, the robbers abandoned their attempt and fled in all directions. One of them, however, was arrested and taken to the Hong Kong Police Station. Arrests of the other four are expected at about 10 p.m. today.

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	Celebes Maru	Mon., 31st Jan.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Belawan, Deli, & Rangoon	Hawa Maru	Sun., 20th Jan.
	Himalaya Maru	Fri., 1st Feb.
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ALL-BRITISH ROADS

Result Of A Test On
Kingston By-Pass

MAINTENANCE HAS COST
NOTHING SINCE 1931

Of eleven experimental stretches of road surfacing laid down on the Kingston by-pass in 1930, the only two all-British lengths have not required a penny for maintenance and are still as "non-skid" as in 1931.

This statement was made by Sir David Milne-Watson, addressing the annual meeting of the British Road Tar Association in London. "They were laid under our supervision and to our specification," he said. "We employed British tar, British stone and British slag. These stretches have borne an average of 12,000 tons of traffic a day."

"I hope the Minister of Transport will not forget that if British industry is to derive the fullest benefit from the expenditure of public money, it is essential that the materials used should be first to last of British origin and of British manufacture."

Sir David added that his organisation would shortly market a tar suitable for roads draining directly into fishing streams and bearing a Ministry of Fisheries certificate.

DOMINION PRODUCE

Marketing Board And
Canadian Fruit

TWO SCHEDULES APPROVED
AND WORKING SMOOTHLY

The Dominion Marketing Board, recently established, has had many problems to deal with in its short existence. Since the Natural Products Marketing Act is a new type of legislation for Canada, there is considerable uncertainty regarding its exact method of operation. The nature and volume of the correspondence suggests that the Board will be called upon to deal with a great variety of matters.

Two schedules which had been prepared by interested groups prior to the establishment of the Board have now been dealt with and approved. One of these provides for the regulation of the export of apples and pears; the other deals with the marketing of British Columbia tree fruits. Both schemes appear to be operating so far with relatively little difficulty.

LOCAL RESIDENTS BOUND FOR AUSTRALIA

The following passengers left here for Australian ports, via Manila, by the s.s. Taping yesterday:—Miss E. G. Allingham, Mr. G. Annesley, Professor Angus, Master J. W. Anderson, Miss D. Burfield, Mrs. D. D. Blockey, Miss E. Brown, Mr. A. Boor, Miss A. Comer, Mr. F. W. Choo, Master M. W. Chin, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Fernandez, Master Fernando, Mr. M. S. Fong, Mr. J. E. Gibbons, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Gofey, Master C. Gofey, Miss Gofey, Miss N. Gullford, Mr. J. V. Hunter, Miss N. Inwood, Miss S. M. Marr, Mr. M. J. Martin, Miss Mary MacMillan, Miss Margaret MacMillan, Mr. C. Nicholls, Miss F. Rollason, Mr. A. S. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. C. Sandrett, Mr. Sandrett, Master Sandrett, Master Sandrett, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Spender, Mr. H. W. W. and Mrs. P. Williams, Master Williams, Miss Williams, Mr. V. L. Yea.

The Hat Trick

(Continued From
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"Will ye bet on that?" says Rafferty, hopeful.

"Well, I—I'm not the lad I was for walking," hedges Donald.

They all laughed, and Donald got wilder than a banshee wid her home shipped off to America.

"Sure, ye're wise not to bet," says Cassidy. "Why, every man ye see round here wears a bowler-hat."

Donald drinks his drink, rubbing his hands in his mind to see how well his plan was working out.

"Bowler-hats, indade!" says he, contemptuous. "As though people wore such things nowadays!"

There was a lot more talk, and then Rafferty says just what Donald had been waiting for someone to say.

"Will ye risk money on it?" he says.

"How?" Donald wants to know.

"Will ye bet me a level five shillings that the next man to come in here to-night isn't wearing a bowler-hat?"

Well, Donald tries to look small, and seem as though he'd like to wriggle out av it, and the more he wriggles, the keener the others was on pinning him down.

"'Touldn't be fair to take yer money," says he, straightforward.

"Och, we'll be taking care av that," says Rafferty.

"Wait a minute, though," says Cassidy. "The next man in might be wearing a cloth cap or a soft felt hat."

"'Tis most unlikely," says Donald.

"They're as out av dates as a bowler-hat."

"Is that so?" says Cassidy.

"Then ye oughtn't to mind lumping them all together, and betting that he isn't wearing wan av them three hats."

Donald bites his lip, to look as though he'd been trapped, and everybody laughed again.

"All right!" he shouts, seemingly in the worst kind av a temper. "I'll do that. Five shillings with anybody who likes to take me on that the next man to come in here after I say 'go, providing he's wearing a hat at all, isn't wearing a cloth cap, a soft felt hat, or a bowler-hat."

Well, not a word could be spoken for five minutes, the room being just Donnybrook wid men falling over themselves to take him. In the end, though, he'd got it all sorted out, and the bet was on wid every man in the room, which was a good dozen.

He keeps the talk going a bit longer until it was just on nine o'clock, and then he says, "Go!" and, faith, there wasn't any plas dropped in Clone just then, or they'd have been heard.

Almost at wance, a step was heard outside.

"Who's this, I wonder?" says Donald, innocent.

"'Tis me brother, Mike," says Rafferty, gleeful. "He said he'd meet me here at nine sharp, and I was minding that when I better wid ye. The way he only has the wan hat, and that a bowler. He has been out after a new job, and is come to tell me about it."

Donald says a bad word I will not be repeating to ye, sorr.

"Mike," he calls out, "is that yerself?"

"Sure 'tis myself," answers Mike Rafferty, from outside.

"Well," cries out Donald, as quick as lightning, "yer brother's gone on to Kelly's Bar, and ye're to follow him there at wance."

"'Twas a kind av resourceful remark to be making, but Donald was near being lynched for it, the way Mike took to his heels at wance to chase his brother up to Kelly's Bar. "Ye lying divil!" howls Rafferty. "I'm here all the time!"

"Why, so ye are, now!" says me Uncle Donald, quite surprised. "I'll And there's me just sent yer brother Mike up to Kelly's Bar to look for ye! What a pity he didn't come in! Then he'd have seen yerself, and we'd have seen what kind av a hat he was wearing. But, whisht! Who's this?"

"'Twas just nine o'clock. The door opens, and there was the dearest kind av silence." In walks Terence Doolan, and wance there a roar went up.

For Doolan was wearing a bowler-hat.

"I will pass over the unpleasant scene that followed, wid everybody drawing their five shillings from Donald, and standing drinks to Donald out av thanks-giving. And as soon as he could spake for anger, Donald comes up to Doolan, and says, 'Where's yer pith-helmet, ye ugly great gooson?'

"Why," says Doolan, all surprised, "I've surely didn't think I'd come drinking wid a gentleman here in a

daft-like hat the like av a pith-helmet? No, sorr, not Doolan. I couldn't be letting av ye down, so I cried in on a neighbour and borrowed a bowler-hat, special for the occasion."

Not a word could Doolan spake, so annoyed was he.

"Why," says Doolan, looking round, "isn't that Mr. Rafferty? Yer brother Mike's gone up to Kelly's Bar, looking for ye. He passed me while I was outside, killing time. He wants to be telling ye all about his new job, up at the railway station. And very smart he looks," says Doolan, "in his fine uniform and his hat wid a glazed peak to it."

THE END.

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The construction of the Dixence hydro-electric power plant in Canton Valais is nearing completion. It is one of the largest hydro-electric power plants in the world, and its 10 powerful turbines will work under a waterfall of about 5,741 ft.

The power plant is nearly two miles south of Sion, in the Rhone valley, at the foot of the wooded hills on which are situated the "Mayens de Sion." It consists of five groups each of one triphased alternator driven by two Pelton turbines. Each group is capable of producing nominally 21,250 h.p. The power will be distributed all over French-speaking Switzerland, an area of about 4,350 square miles, and part of it will be exported to the French Departments of the Ain and Doubs.

ELECTRICITY AND GAS GRIDS

Taking A Leaf From
Germany's Book

A national gas grid and prizes and levies to encourage fuel research were urged by Sir Harry McGowan, Chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries, Ltd., in his presidential address at the Institute of Fuel in London recently.

It was difficult to hold the scale fairly between gas and electricity, he said, but he saw no reason why they should not progress side by side as friendly rivals.

Some industrial operation could be far more economically undertaken by gas. Though there was a huge electric grid system over the whole country, there was only one reasonably sized gas grid—in the Midlands—and nothing yet to compare with the big German high-pressure gas grids.

A levy of £250,000 a year for fuel research was suggested by Sir Harry.

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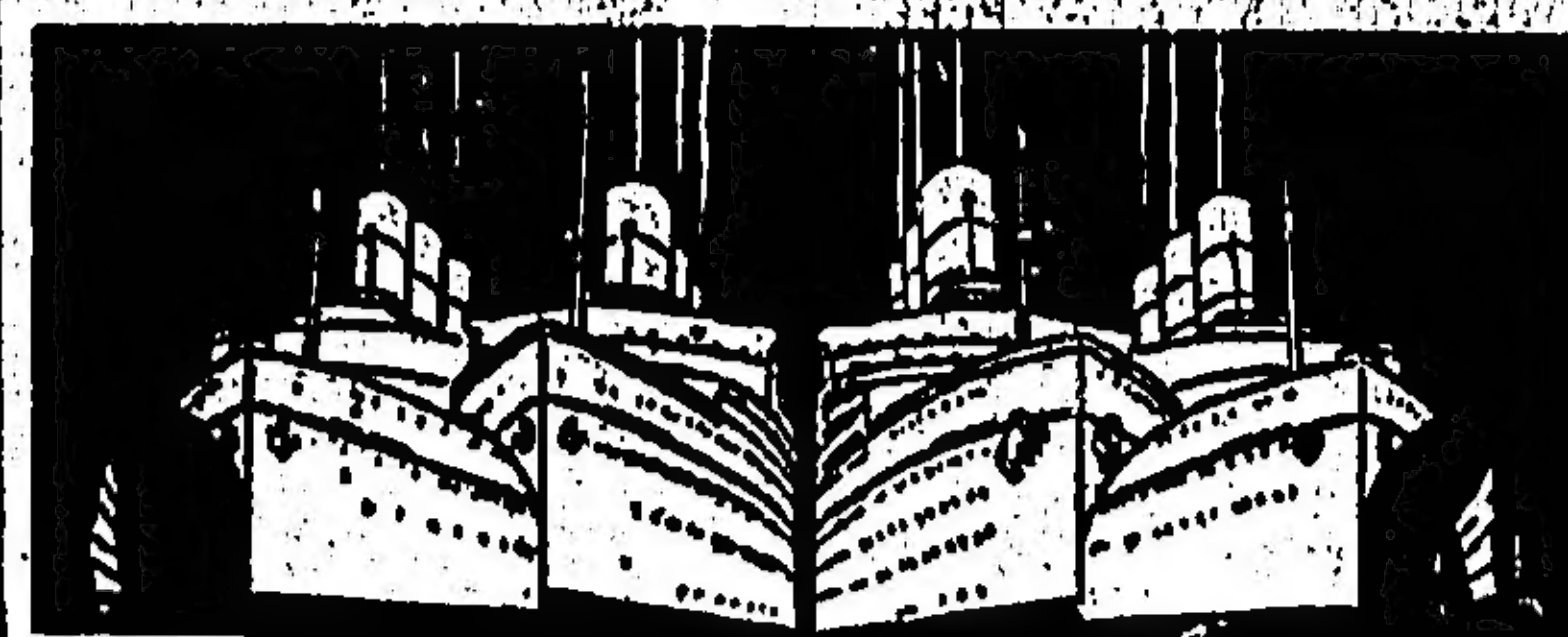
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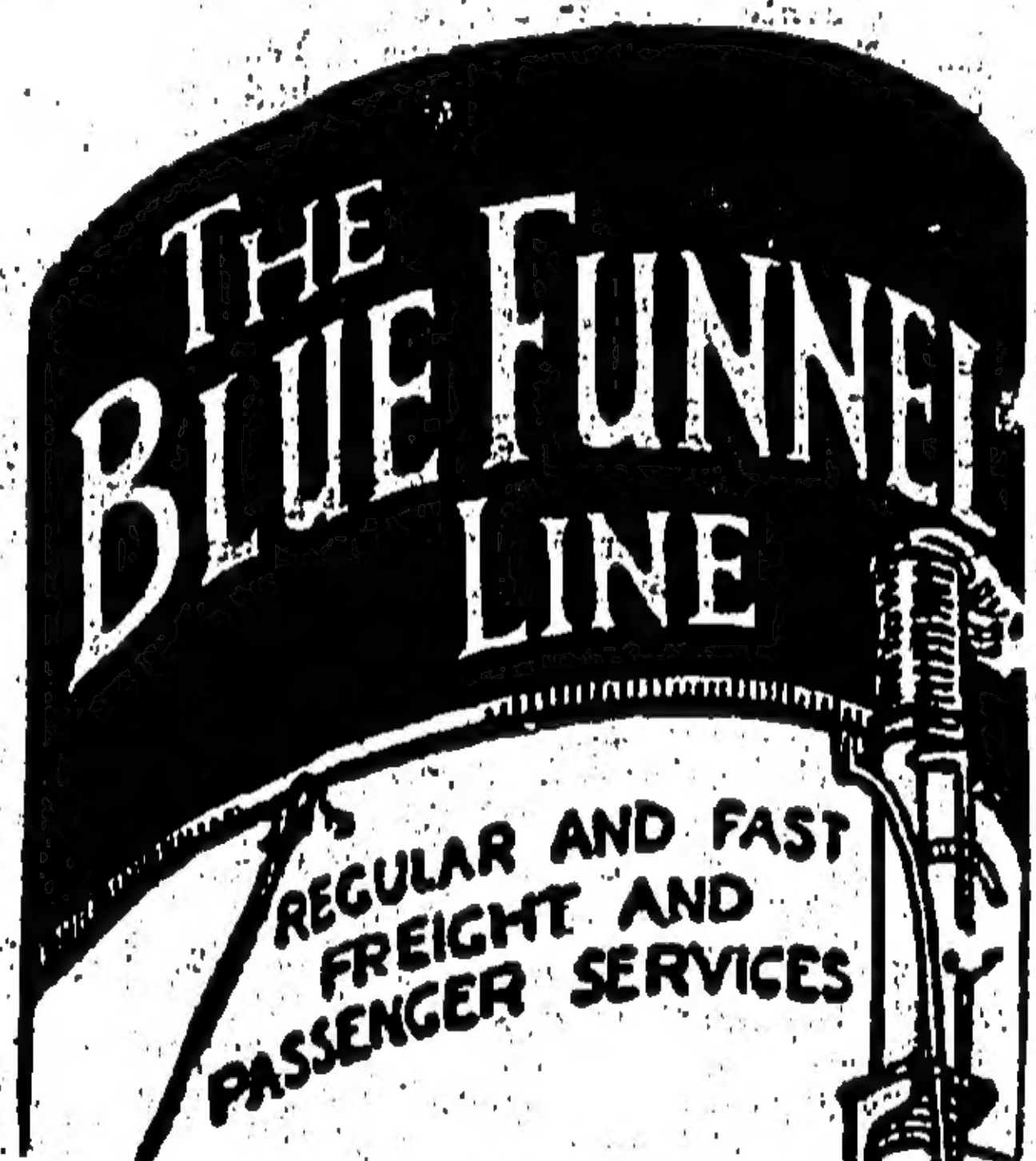
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SHIRALA	8,000	7th Feb.
CHITRAL	15,000	8th Feb.
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Most of the crew of the coastguard cutter Northland were chin
follage as the vessel returned to Oakland, Calif., after a seven
months cruise in Alaskan waters. Betty Smith here admires the
prize beard grown by Otto Hansen.

SUPER-RABBITS TO CURE THE BLIND Corneal Grafting

YOUNG SURGEON'S AMAZING EXPERIMENT

Experiments with rabbits are likely to yield still more amazing results in the wonderful operations by which blind people are made to see.

The experiments have been conducted for years by Mr. Tudor Thomas, a young ophthalmic surgeon of Cardiff, aided by two brilliant associates.

At present the operation of restoring sight is limited to treatment of the cornea (the transparent covering of the eyeball).

If living corneas from a human eye are grafted on eyes blind through disease of the cornea, the blindness can be cured.

The number of these operations is restricted to the supply of healthy corneas available—and the supply is exceedingly small.

But this handicap may soon be removed.

Experiments The scientists have been experimenting on animals—particularly rabbits—to discover a substitute for the healthy human cornea.

And they believe they have found it.

They are satisfied that the cornea of a rabbit is suitable for their purpose—except for one defect: it is not large enough.

They are determined to overcome that difficulty.

Super-rabbits are being bred specially for the purpose.

Results already achieved encourage the hope that rabbit cornea sufficiently large will be available soon in such quantities as to increase the number of operations to give sight to those who suffer from corneal blindness.

STRANGE SUICIDE EPIDEMIC

Five Tempt Fate

Five people living in one house at Prague attempted to commit suicide in rapid succession by drinking poison.

Two lads of 17 and 18, seeing their mother take poison, decided that they, too, would die. Their groans caused a neighbour to rush into the room.

"If you are all going to die, I may as well die, too," she declared, and swallowed some of the poison herself.

Appalled by what he saw when he returned home, the father exclaimed, "What is the use of my living if everyone else dies?"—and also took poison.

The five were discovered later and rushed to hospital, where they are seriously ill.

MAN'S LIFE SAVED BY HANGING

Wine—And Water

A man's life has been saved—by hanging.

A wine merchant visited a grower at Dallas. After tasting all the wines in the cellar, he sat down to consider.

But he sat down on a board placed over a deep well. The board cracked, broke in two and crashed into the water far below.

The merchant remained hanging by the well rope until rescued.

ENJOYING OLD AGE

Importance Of Right Diet Stressed

FIVE SMALL MEALS A DAY

It is well known that the length of life to be expected has been increased by about ten years since the beginning of this century, and this means that the population will gradually consist of relatively more old people than hitherto.

How to decay naturally and gradually, so that old age may be a happy period, is discussed in a series of articles in a special number of the *British Journal of Physical Medicine*.

That a man is as old as his arteries is well illustrated by a paper on the prevention and treatment of diseases of the heart and blood vessels in old age. It is pointed out that the stress and worry of modern life are associated with a lack of sufficient exercise.

A course of general massage two or three evenings a week is recommended as one way of postponing the day when the arteries will demand some curtailment of the daily routine, while diet plays an important part in dealing with such troubles.

Indeed, Dr. Yeoman, of Harrogate, lays very great stress upon the question of diet in promoting a comfortable old age. He points out that the putting on of weight is wrongly regarded as one of the inevitable stages of the middle-aged period.

This, taken in conjunction with the diminished circulation of blood through the muscles of the back and legs, is regarded as the predisposing cause of much of the so-called neuritis and lumbago of the senile period.

Dr. Yeoman looks upon old people being, as a rule, 14 pounds and upwards more than the optimum weight for their age, and he has a strict regime outlined for reducing weight by about two pounds per week. On the subject of diet in old age Dr. Robert Hutchinson lays down certain principles.

It must be sparse, it must be easily chewed, and it must not overburden the stomach. He allows five small meals a day, with the main one at lunch-time, no solid food at tea, and a very light supper. Meals are better taken dry, and thirst satisfied by fluid between meals. And, finally, because even the meagre regime allowed by the dietetic experts requires mastication, and because in old age "the sound of the grinding is low" there has been included in the present symposium an article on the teeth.

ANOTHER WONDER OF THE ATOM

New Rays Of Immense Power Produced

Physicists at the California Institute of Technology have succeeded in drawing from the atom powerful new rays said to possess more than twice the energy of any similar beams yet produced by man.

Dr. C. C. Lauritsen and Dr. Richard Crane, two physicists, disclosed their achievement recently, declaring that by bombarding lithium atoms with proton "bullets" they had produced gamma rays which possessed energies of more than 12,000,000 volts. The new rays have the identical properties of the X-ray, it was said, but are far more powerful.

H. K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

(Continued from Page 7.)

Orderly Officer—January 15th to 22nd—2nd Lieut. H. A. de B. Botelho.

VOLUNTEER AIR ARM

The following obtained their "A" licences during the Training year 1934—

Major J. C. Macgown, M.D., Ch.B. (Edin).

Captain L. F. Nicholson.

Lieut. J. F. Wright.

L/Sergt. H. Burson.

Gunner E. B. Brasler-Creagh.

Trooper J. Barrow.

Private N. A. E. Mackay.

Private D. R. Ryde.

The following attachments to the Volunteer Air Arm will take place place with effect from 11th January, 1935.

Captain L. F. Nicholson from Corps 1st Battery.

Corporal W. E. Peers from Motor Cycle (M.G.) Section.

Private N. A. E. Mackay from No. 1 (M.G.) Company.

Private D. R. Ryde from No. 1 (M.G.) Company.

Flying instruction will be resumed forthwith.

APPOINTMENT

No. 1779 Pte. H. F. Westlake is promoted to Colour Sergeant and appointed C.Q.M.S., Armoured Car Section, with effect from 11th January, 1935 vice C/S. (C.Q.M.S.) Nissim transferred to the Reserve Company.

TRANSFER

No. 868 C/Sergt. (C.Q.M.S.) A. Nissim, Armoured Car Section, is transferred to the Reserve Company, reverting to rank of Sergeant at his own request, with effect from 10th January, 1935.

RETURN FROM LEAVE

No. 1511 Sergeant G. P. Ferguson, M. G. Troop, returned from leave on 18th December, 1934.

No. 1461 L/Cpl. R. M. Wood, No. 4 Platoon, on 31.12.34.

LEAVE

Lieut. J. A. R. Selby, Medical Section, granted leave from 12th January to 31st December, 1935.

No. 1796 Sergt. L. W. Hume, Medical Section, granted leave from 26th January to 25th November, 1935.

STRUCK OFF THE STRENGTH
Captain F. Syme-Thomson (deceased) Reserve of Officers, as from 20th December, 1934.

STRENGTH

No. 2249 Private T. M. Parsons M. G. Bn. (M. M. G. Section) 7.1.35.

Captain, (Sgd.) P. S. M. WILKINSON, Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

AFFILIATED UNIT

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C. LECTURE

The second lecture in First Aid will be held on Monday, 14th January in the Lecture Room at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

Lecturer—Lieut. L. T. Tide, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.B., B. Ch.

PRACTICE

A Practice Class for those qualified will be held at the same time and place.

Sgd. M. M. MELLOR, Acting Commandant, Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

AFTER ORDERS

PARADE
No. 2 (Scottish) Company
No. 6 Platoon—Wednesday, 16th January, 1935.

No. 7 Platoon—Thursday, 17th January, 1935.

Parade at Kowloon Dock and Headquarters respectively for M. G. Instruction.

Sunday, 27th January, 1935.—Company will fire M.G. Part II at Stonecutters. Details will be issued later.

LEAVE

No. 1466 Pte. Major W. C. K. Macle, No. 2 (Scottish) Coy., Headquarters granted nine months leave from 15th January to 14th October, 1935.

No. 1780 Pte. A. C. Young, No. 7 Platoon, granted seven months leave from 12th January to 11th August, 1935.

NOTICE

The Hong Kong Police is holding an Athletic Sports Meeting on the ground of the South China Athletic Association (by kind permission of the Association) at Caroline Hill on Sunday, January 27th, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

Event No. 18 (1/2 mile) is open to members of His Majesty's Ser-vice and the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps. This race will take place at approximately 3.30 p.m.

Entries should be sent to Sub-Inspector Charles Woods, Police Headquarters, before 10th January 22nd, 1935.

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Mr. James Penderel-Brothurst, journalist and author, and consulting editor of the "Guardian" since 1923, has died in hospital at Brentford following an operation. He was 75 years of age.

He was a member of the Penderel family of Worcestershire, whose descendants receive annuities from a private trust for services rendered to King Charles II in 1651. When Charles was a fugitive from Cromwell's forces the Penderel family gave him refuge, and later when King Charles gave each of the five Penderel brothers a pension for himself and his heirs for ever.

It was stated in the House of Commons a few years ago that the pensions consisted of a number of fee farm rents formerly payable to the Crown, but granted by Letters Patent of July, 1678, to three trustees in trust to members of the Penderel family. The Crown's discretionary interest was sold in 1923 and the pensions were then administered by a private trust.

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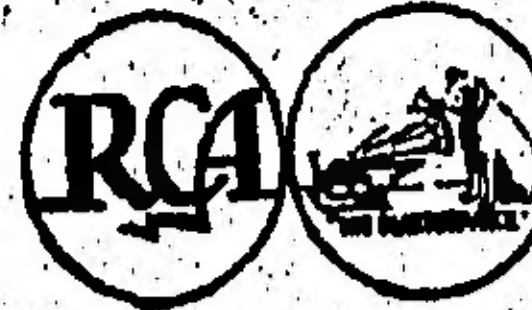
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For fear of being hard pressed by the Kwangtung and Kwangsi forces, the Reds in Kweichow removed their main strength to Chungking and Tungtsi during the past few days, in an attempt to force a way to the west through the north sector of Kweichow. A division and brigade of Kweichow troops, commanded by Wei Chin-yung and Tu Shih-hua, respectively, however, had been stationed at Linshan awaiting the retreat. A fierce battle was staged against them as soon as they arrived, and after fighting for two days, the retreating outlaws escaped towards Chungking through the north of Tungtsi.—Central Press.

LONG-DISTANCE TELEPHONES

Kwangtung Statistics

Canton, To-day.

According to the statistics compiled by the Investigation and Statistics Bureau, the numbers of long distance telephone lines in various districts of this province are as follows: 127 in the Central District, 231 in the East District, 121 in the South District, 141 in the Northwest District, and 28 in the Hainan District.

The total number of lines is 654 and the total length 3,792 li.—Central Press.

MISHAP ON BUS Villager Goes Through Window

Climbing up a ladder at the rear of bus No. 9, on the Yuen Long-Kowloon route, Chow Kiu, a villager, slipped and crashed through the back window, cutting his leg.

The report was made at the Mong Kok Tsui Police Station when the bus arrived in Kowloon at 8.15 a.m. this morning. Chow Kiu was sent to the Kowloon Hospital.

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Worked by clockwork, the plane then describes a series of circles, dropping the bombs at intervals.

GERMANY AND THE LEAGUE COUNCIL

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It is noteworthy that, although the Saar is an annex to the Versailles Treaty it requires only a majority of the decisions, the Council has acted only on unanimity decisions.

Initial contact between the German Government and the Council's Committee of three was effected at the request of Mr. Knox by Herr Von Papen, Commissioner for the Saar, and the Committee's first comprehensive report, in June last year, fixing the date of the Plebiscite and making proposals for its conduct, contained official notes from the French and German Governments undertaking to refrain from reprisals or discrimination against voters.

GERMAN EXPERTS IN ROME

In September the German Government instructed their Minister in Rome to maintain touch with the Committee, and in November German experts were sent to Rome to confer with French and League experts on financial and economic matters requiring settlement. The German Government's undertaking, respecting immunities of non-voters and protection of minorities, were embodied with other matters in the Committee's last report to the Council in December, and it was with the assent of Germany also that an international force was despatched to the Saar.—British Wireless Service.

SIR JOHN SIMON DUE IN LONDON TO-MORROW

London, to-day.—Sir John Simon is expected to be back in London to-morrow. With Captain Anthony Eden, Lord Privy Seal, he attended a meeting of the League Council, which opened yesterday, and he may return to Geneva before the conclusion of the present meeting.—British Wireless Service.

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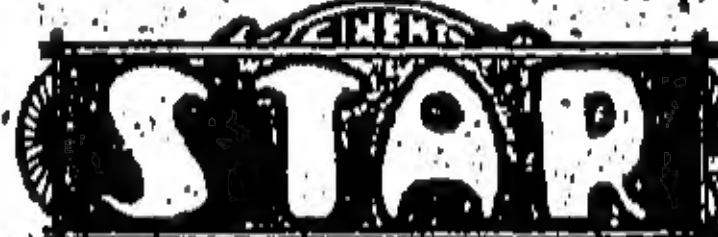
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